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# SHIPS' HISTORIES

## DESTROYER ESCORTS

### AND

## FAST DESTROYER TRANSPORTS



SUB GROUP TWO

SAN DIEGO GROUP

PACIFIC RESERVE FLEET

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## FOREWORD

This booklet of histories of the Destroyer Escorts and Fast Destroyer Transports attached to the San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet is dedicated to the officers and men for which the ships are named and also to those officers and men who conscientiously carried out the details of preserving these ships for the future of the United States Navy, and to perpetuate the memory of the officers and men for which the ships are named.

For information, the momentous date of May 9th, 1947, date of acceptance of the last ship of this group, calls for a brief history of the type command.

The San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet was formed under Captain Clarkson J. Bright, USN, as Group Commander in October 1945. Shortly after its formation, the ships reporting were divided into four types; the Destroyer Group, the Destroyer Escort/Fast Destroyer Transport Group, the Auxiliary Group and the Minecraft Group. Captain John T. Bottom, USN, relieved Captain Clarkson J. Bright, USN, as Group Commander on May 2, 1946. The four Type Organizations remained in effect until September 1946, when the Minecraft Group was combined with the Auxiliary Group leaving three types of group of vessels. Up to this period, demobilization was in progress with all its additional administrative load. It might be mentioned at this point that ships were decommissioned not as they reached acceptance for inactivation but as the officer and enlisted personnel losses were felt. About September 1946, the low-ebb of personnel versus ships to be inactivated was reached. On January 15, 1947, the type commands were changed to Sub-Groups and at this date all ships except those recently reporting were decommissioned for convenience of prosecuting work by types but the organization remained basically the same except for title. At this writing, it is anticipated that a permanent Sub-Group Organization will be made effective about 1 July 1947.

The U. S. S. KLONDIKE (AD-22), Flagship of Commander, Sub-Group TWO and Commander, San Diego Group is also included herewith.

The following officers administered type command of the Destroyer Escort/Fast Destroyer Transport type ships:

Commander Ernest B. Ellsworth, USN	—	Feb. 1946 until April 1946
Captain John F. Gallaher, USN	—	Apr. 1946 until Sept. 1946
Commander Richard S. Paret, USNR	—	Sept. 1946 until Feb. 1947
Captain John F. Gallaher, USN	—	Feb. 1947 until May 1947

A copy of this booklet has been forwarded to all sponsors for inclusion in their memoirs, and two copies to all builders as a memento of their contribution to the victory of World War Two.

John F. Gallaher,  
Captain, U. S. Navy,  
Commander, Sub-Group TWO  
San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet.

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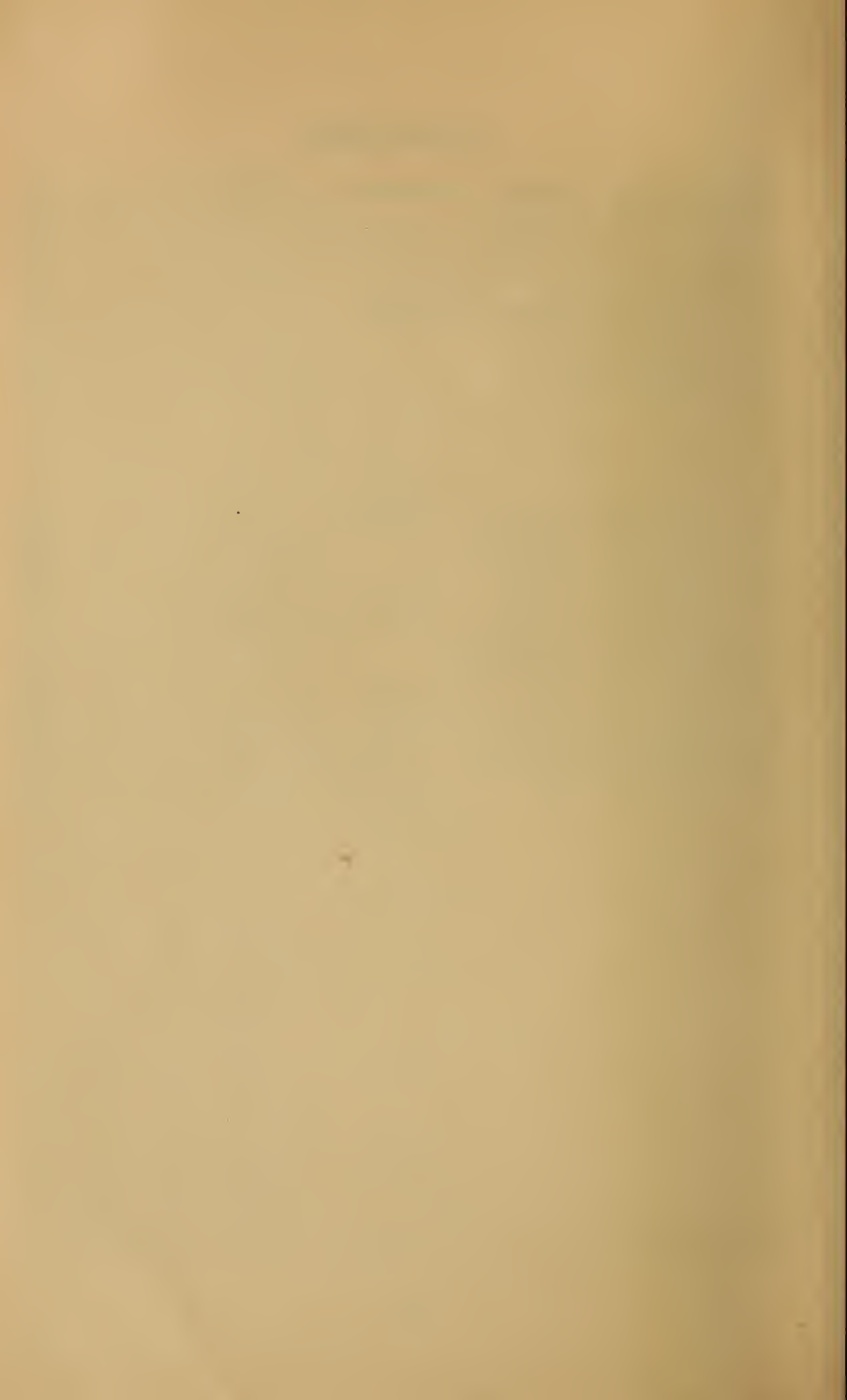


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## U.S.S. KLONDIKE (AD-22)

The name of the U.S.S. KLONDIKE is derived from the name of a gold bearing river in Alaska which flows into the YUKON.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Los Angeles Shipbuilding Company, San Pedro, Calif.  
LAUNCHED:  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Dorothy J. Derrick.  
COMMISSIONED: 30 July 1945.  
MILES STEAMED: 7,679.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Pacific Fleet from 25 October 1945 to 15 November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from 15 November 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain M. E. HATCH, U. S. Navy.  
Lt. Cdr. C. T. FOLEY, U. S. Navy.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander, San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet.  
Commander Sub-Group TWO, San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet.

### PLACED IN SERVICE IN RESERVE

At San Diego, California on 15 January 1947.

## U.S.S. LOVELACE (DE-198)

The U.S.S. LOVELACE commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Commander Donald Alexander LOVELACE, U.S. Navy, who was killed on 2 June 1942 when his plane crashed in the Pacific Area while attached to the U.S.S. YORKTOWN.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Norfolk Navy Yard.  
LAUNCHED: 4 July 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Donald A. Lovelace, Wife.  
COMMISSIONED: 7 November 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 117,005

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from 10 January 1944 to 5 April 1944.  
7th Fleet from 5 April 1944 to 23 October 1945.  
19th Fleet from 23 October 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Aitape — Hollandia — Tanah Merah Bay Invasion — Toem  
Wakde — Sarmi Invasion — Biak Invasion — Leyte Invasion  
Lingayen Gulf Invasion

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed by gunfire, one (1) Japanese plane.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. R. D. de KAY, USNR, 7 Nov. 1943 to 14 Oct. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. E. L. de KIEFFER, USNR, 14 Oct. 1944 to 13 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. R. V. ROTHWELL, USNR, 13 Dec. 1945 to 7 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) W. C. MUCHOW, USNR, 7 Feb. 1946 to 13 May 1946.  
Lt. (jg) D. E. ERWIN, USNR, 13 May 1946 to 22 May 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Maxim W. FIRTH, USN  
Commander E. L. de KIEFFER, USNR

### DECOMMISSIONED

22 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 20 February 1947

## U.S.S. MANNING (DE-199)

The U.S.S. MANNING commemorates the Naval career of Milburn Alexander MANNING, Aviation Machinists mate, USN, who was killed in action at the Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.

LAUNCHED: 1 October 1943.

SPONSOR: Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

COMMISSIONED: 1 October 1943.

MILES STEAMED: 101,000.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from 10 January 1944 to 5 April 1944.

7th Fleet from 5 April 1944 to 23 October 1945.

19th Fleet from 23 October 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Aitape — Hollandia — Tanah Merah Bay Invasion — Toem  
Wakde — Sarmi Invasion — Leyte Island Invasion — Lingayen  
Gulf Invasion

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed by gunfire, one (1) Japanese twin engine bomber.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. J. E. MINGAY, USNR, 1 October 1943 to 20 February 1945.

Lt. Cdr. A. W. CARLSON, Jr., USNR, 20 February 1945 to 3 Nov. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. E. G. FITZPATRICK, USNR, 3 November 1945 to 25 Jan. 1946

Lt. C. HENDERSON, Jr., USNR 25 January 1946 to 11 May 1946.

Lt. Cdr. R. E. FARWELL, USNR, 11 May 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Maxim W. FIRTH, USN.

Commander William H. PUTNAM, USNR.

Lieutenant Commander Richard E. FARWELL, USNR.

### IN COMMISSION IN RESERVE

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 20 February 1947

## U.S.S. NEUENDORF (DE-200)

The U.S.S. NEUENDORF commemorates the Naval career of William Fredrick NEUENDORF, seaman first class, U.S. Navy who was killed in action on board the U.S.S. NEVADA, 7 December 1941 at Pearl Harbor.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.  
LAUNCHED: 18 October 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Edna M. Morton, Sister.  
COMMISSIONED: 18 October 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 108,000

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from 10 January 1944 to 5 April 1944  
7th Fleet from 5 April 1944 to 23 October 1945  
19th Fleet from 23 October 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Aitape — Hollandia — Tanah Merah Bay Invasion — Toem  
Wakde — Sarmi Invasion — Leyte Island Invasion — Lingayen  
Gulf Invasion

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. J. N. McDONALD, USN, 18 Oct. 1943 to 12 Oct. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. R. C. BARLOW, USNR, 12 Oct. 1944 to 17 Nov. 1945.  
Lt. J. M. TOWNSEND, USNR, 17 Nov. 1945 to 8 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) FLOYD, USNR, 8 Jan. 1946 to 26 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. R. de STACKELBERG, USN, 26 Jan. 1946 to 14 May 1946.

FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED  
Commander Maxim W. FIRTH, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

14 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 27 June 1946.



## U.S.S. JAMES E. CRAIG (DE-201)

The U.S.S. JAMES E. CRAIG commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Commander James E. CRAIG, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor, on 7 December 1941, while serving as First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer on board the U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Navy Yard Charleston, South Carolina.  
LAUNCHED: 23 July 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. James E. Craig, wife.  
COMMISSIONED: 1 November 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 102,000

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from January 1944 to April 1944.  
7th Fleet from April 1944 to October 1945.  
19th Fleet from October 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Aitape — Hollandia — Tanah Merah Bay Invasion — Toem — Wakde  
Sarmi Invasion — Biak Island Invasion — Noemfoor Island Invasion  
Leyte Island Invasion — Lingayen Gulf Invasion

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed by gunfire, one (1) Japanese Torpedo Bomber.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. H. M. ERICSSON, USN, 1 Nov. 1943, to 9 May 1944.  
Cdr. E. F. ANDREWS, USNR, 9 May 1944, to 7 Nov. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. C. A. PEEK, Jr., 7 Nov. 1945 to 2 July 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 31 January 1947



## U.S.S. EICHENBERGER (DE-202)

The U.S.S. EICHENBERGER commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Charles E. EICHENBERGER, USNR, who was killed in air action over Guadalcanal in September 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.  
LAUNCHED: 22 July 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Charles E. Eichenberger.  
COMMISSIONED: 17 November 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 120,357.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from 25 January 1944 to 1 February 1944.  
3rd Fleet from 22 March 1944 to 26 April 1944  
7th Fleet from 26 April 1944 to 23 October 1945.  
19th Fleet from 23 October 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Shore Bombardment of Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, 27 May 1944.  
Peleliu Island Invasion — Leyte Island Invasion  
Lingayen Gulf Invasion

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. N. HARRELL, USN, 17 Nov. 1943 to 16 May 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. N. P. HALLOWELL, USNR, 16 May 1945 to 1 Nov. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. A. D. JORDAN, USNR, 1 Nov. 1945 to 23 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) R. F. DuPREE, USNR, 26 Jan. 1946 to 14 May 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Maxim W. FIRTH, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

14 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 19 July 1946.

**U.S.S. THOMASON (DE-203)**

The U.S.S. THOMASON commemorates the Naval career of Clyde THOMASON, Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed on the Makin Island raid in August of 1942.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.  
**LAUNCHED:** 23 August 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Thomason, Mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 10 December 1943.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 120,000.

**WORLD WAR II  
FLEETS ATTACHED**

3rd Fleet from 24 April 1944 to 26 May 1944  
7th Fleet from 26 May 1944 to 27 October 1945.  
19th Fleet from 27 October 1945 to Inactivation.

**CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Leyte Island Invasion — Lingayen Gulf Invasion

**DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY**

Sank one (1) Japanese Submarine off the Island of Luzon, Philippine Islands.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt. Cdr. C. B. HENRIQUES, USNR, 10 Dec. 1943 to 27 Feb. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. F. S. WALKER, 27 Feb. 1945 to 27 July 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. C. F. WIEDMAN, USNR, 27 July 1945 to 3 Nov. 1945.  
Lt. W. M. JONES, USNR, 3 Nov. 1945 to 17 April 1946.  
Lt. (jg) W. H. WETZLER, USNR, 17 April 1946 to 22 May 1946.

**FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED**

Commander William H. PUTNAM, USNR.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

22 May 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California, on 8 August 1946

## U. S. S. RUDDEROW (DE-224)

The U.S.S. RUDDEROW commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Commander Thomas W. RUDDEROW, who was commanding officer of a patrol vessel in the Atlantic during the early days of the war. He died in action when his ship was sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine in 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Philadelphia Navy Yard.  
LAUNCHED: February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs Thomas W. Rudderow, Widow.  
COMMISSIONED: 15 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 78,781.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 15 May 1944 to 1 November 1944  
Seventh Fleet from 1 November 1944 to 9 January 1946  
Nineteenth Fleet from 9 November 1946 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

A/S Patrol Lingayen Gulf (21 January 1945 to 9 February 1945.)  
A/S Screen for heavy cruisers Zamboanga 10 March 1945. Then escorted convoys between Leyte and Zamboanga until 12 May 1945.  
Escorted convoy from Leyte to Okinawa (August 1945).

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. M. W. GREENOUGH, USNR 15 May 1944 to 23 July 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. D. H. HUNTINGTON, USNR, 23 July 1945 to 17 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. M. S. McKIBBEN, USNR, 17 Jan. 1946 to 15 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. E. L. WRIGHT, USNR, 15 Feb. 1946 to 11 March 1946.  
Lt. (jg) R. C. HOULAHAN, USNR, 11 March 1946 to 2 April 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. S. T. HOWARD, USN, 2 April 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Captain C. F. COOPER, USNR, Commander Escort Division 74 was on board this vessel, using it as flagship of the Division.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

### INACTIVATED

21 March 1947

## U.S.S. DAY (DE-225)

The U.S.S. DAY commemorates the Naval career of Frank Day, Chief Water Tender, U.S. Navy. Frank DAY, Chief Water Tender, U.S. Navy, was in the fireroom of the U.S.S. ARIZONA when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. He made it possible for the other men in the fireroom to escape, but he himself failed to get out and died in action when the ARIZONA sank at Pearl Harbor the morning of 7 December 1941.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Philadelphia Navy Yard.  
LAUNCHED: March 1944.  
SPONSOR: Miss Katherine Day, sister.  
COMMISSIONED: 10 June 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 83,283.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 10 June 1944 to 1 November 1944.  
Seventh Fleet from 1 November 1944 to 9 January 1946  
Nineteenth Fleet from 9 January 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Lingayen Gulf (9 January 1945 to 15 January 1945)  
Supported landing at San Antonio, San Felipe, Luzon, P. I. (28 Jan. 1945)  
Supported minesweeping of Manila Bay, P. I. (28 February 1945 to 1 March 1945)  
Invasion and bombardment of port of Legaspi, P. I. (1 April 1945)  
Minesweeping of Balabac Straits, P. I. (22 April 1945 to 29 April 1945)  
Invasion of Brunei Bay, Borneo (10 June 1945)

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Shore bombardment of Legaspi successful.

### CITATIONS

Commander K. E. Read, USNR, received the Legion of Merit on 1 September 1945 for, "meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in amphibious operations against the enemy in the Philippine area from January to June 1945".

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. K. E. READ, USNR from 10 June 1944 to 16 November 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. R. A. CUTTER, USNR from 16 Nov. 1945 to 15 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. J. F. COLLINGWOOD, USNR from 15 Feb. to 16 May 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

16 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 12 July 1946

## U.S.S. HODGES (DE-231)

The U.S.S. HODGES commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Flourenoy Glen Hodges, who was born at Statesboro, Georgia, on January 22, 1917, and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area, the presumptive date being June 5, 1943. He was officially reported missing in action as of June 4, 1942; when the plane of which he was pilot was shot down in the Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.  
LAUNCHED: 11 April 1944.  
SPONSOR: Miss Dorothy Hodges, Sister  
COMMISSIONED: 27 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 78,781

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 27 May 1944 to 1 November 1944.  
Seventh Fleet from 1 November 1944 to 9 January 1946.  
Nineteenth Fleet from 9 January to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Unit of killer group (5 September 1944 to 19 September 1944)  
Convoy (2 October 1944 to 3 October 1944)  
Attack by low flying suicide plane (Betty). (9 January 1945)  
Shore Bombardment (10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945)  
Convoy (19 June 1945 to 6 August 1945)

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Shore Bombardment successful.  
Japanese Betty downed.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. V. B. STAADECKER, USNR, 27 May 1944 to 28 Sept. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. J. A. GORHAM, USNR, 28 Sept. 1945 to 2 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. T. C. BUELL, USN, 2 Jan. 1946 to 3 March 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. J. J. MURPHEY, USNR, 3 March 1946 to 22 June 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Capt. C. D. MURPHEY, CTG 76.2, SOPA, Manila Bay 20 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

### DECOMMISSIONED

22 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 1 October 1946



## U.S.S. JOHN C. BUTLER (DE-339)

The U.S.S. JOHN C. BUTLER commemorates the Naval career of Ensign John C. BUTLER, United States Naval Reserve, Ensign BUTLER was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism as a pilot of an aircraft in the Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 5 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Walter C. BUTLER, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 31 March 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 107,379.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Seventh Fleet from August 1944 to January 1945.  
Fifth Fleet from February 1945 to November 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morotai Operation — Battle of Samar — Lingayen Gulf — Iwo Jima

### CITATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation for action during the Battle of Samar.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Three hits on Japanese Heavy Cruiser - - 25 October 1944.  
Five Japanese planes downed - - 20 May 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. John E. PACE, USNR, 31 March 1944 to July 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. C. W. JENKINS, USNR, July 1945 to April 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

17 April 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 27 December 1946.

## U.S.S. O'FLAHERTY (DE-340)

The U.S.S. O'FLAHERTY commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Frank Woodrow O'FLAHERTY, USNR, who was born at Ionopah, Nevada, on 26 February 1918 and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area. He was officially reported missing in action on 4 June 1942 when the plane of which he was pilot was lost in the Battle of Midway.

Ensign O'FLAHERTY was commissioned on 21 June 1941. On 5 February he reported to Scouting Squadron Six for active duty involving flying. He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal 1939-1941, and the Navy Cross with the following citation. "For Scouting Squadron Six in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway during the period of 4 to 6 June 1942. Participating in a devastating assault against a Japanese invasion fleet, Ensign O'FLAHERTY with fortitude and resolute devotion to duty, pressed home the attacks in the face of formidable barrage of Anti-Aircraft fire and fierce fighter opposition. His gallant perseverance and utter disregard for his own personal safety were important contributing factors to the success achieved by our forces and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 31 December 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Miss O'Flaherty (Sister of Ensign O'Flaherty).  
**COMMISSIONED:** 8 April 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 93,000

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Pacific Fleet 8 April 1944.  
5th Fleet from 8 August 1944 to 20 December 1944  
3rd Fleet from 20 December 1944 to 1 January 1945.  
7th Fleet from 1 January 1945 to 15 July 1945.  
9th Fleet from 15 July 1945 to 15 November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Rescued all men from PBM shot down off Eniwetok 4 October 1944.  
Philippine invasion 1 January 1945 to 15 February 1945.  
Iwo Jima 20 February to 18 March 1945.  
Okinawa invasion 25 March to 5 July 1945.

**DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY**  
Shot down one Japanese plane 12 April 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. D. W. FARNHAM 8 April to 31 December 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. P. C. CALLAN 31 December 1944 to 24 May 1946.

**DECOMMISSIONED**  
24 May 1946

**INACTIVATED**  
At San Diego, California, 13 December 1946.



## U.S.S. RAYMOND (DE-341)

The U.S.S. RAYMOND commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Commander Reginald Marbury RAYMOND, USN, who was born in Sewanee, Tennessee on 20 May 1912 and was killed 29 April 1943 as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area.

Lieutenant Commander RAYMOND was commissioned Ensign 1 June 1933, commissioned Lieutenant (jg) 1 July 1940; and was appointed by the President on 1 October 1942 to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was assigned to the U.S.S. CHESTER from 27 June 1933 to 10 June 1935; Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut from 28 June 1935 to 12 December 1935; the U.S.S. S-38 to 10 October 1941; to Naval Operations 10 November 1941 to 2 February 1942. On 7 July 1942 he was assigned duty in connection with fitting out a new vessel at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Lieutenant Commander RAYMOND was killed while serving aboard the U.S.S. SCORPION. He was awarded the China Service Medal, American Defense Medal (Fleet Clasp 1939-1941), and the Purple Heart.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation Ltd., Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 31 December 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Helen Raymond, mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 15 April 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 90,243.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from 1 August 1944 to 20 December 1944.  
3rd Fleet from 20 December 1944 to 1 January 1945.  
7th Fleet from 1 January 1945 to 15 June 1945.  
9th Fleet from 15 July 1945 to 15 November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Attack and Occupation of Morotai — 15 September 1944.  
Battle of Samar, P. I. — 25 October 1944.  
Escort Duty Luzon Operation — 1 Nov. 1944 to 5 Jan. 1945.  
Anti-Sub Screen during Invasion of Iwo Jima-1 Feb. 45 to 18 March 45.  
Escort Duty during Okinawa Operation - 25 March 1945 to 10 May 1945.

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Damaged Japanese cruiser in Battle of Samar.  
Shot down five (5) enemy planes.  
Damaged one (1) enemy plane

#### CITATIONS

Received Presidential Unit Citation for action during Battle of Samar.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. R. E. BEYER, USN, 15 April 1944 to 27 December 1944.  
Lt. H. A. O'MEARA, USNR, from 27 December 1944 to 27 May 1946.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

27 May 1946

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 31 January 1947.

## U.S.S. RICHARD W. SUESENS (DE-342)

The U.S.S. SUESENS commemorates the Naval career of the late Lieutenant (junior grade) Richard Wane SEUSENS, who died as a result of enemy action while serving in Torpedo Squadron THREE in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on 4 June 1942. For this action he was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Shipbuilding Division, Orange, Texas.

**LAUNCHED:** 30 March 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Margaret Jean Suesens, widow.

**COMMISSIONED:** 26 April 1944.

**MILES STEAMED:** 120,000.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from October 1944 to March 1945.  
5th Fleet from March 1945 to May 1945  
9th Fleet from May 1945 to June 1945.  
3rd Fleet from June 1945 to August 1945  
9th Fleet from August 1945 to September 1945.  
5th Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Leyte — November 1944.  
Battle of Philippines — November 1944  
Invasion of Lingayen — Luzon — January 1945  
Invasion of Nasugbu, Luzon — January 1945.  
Invasion of Keramam Retto — March 1945.  
Invasion of Okinawa — March to July 1945.  
Screen at Okinawa — March to July 1945.  
China Sea Operation — July to September 1945  
Occupation of Korea — September 1945  
Occupation of Japanese Homeland — September to November 1945.

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One Japanese plane destroyed — January 1945.  
One Japanese plane destroyed — April 1945.  
Five Japanese planes destroyed — May 1945.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. Milford McQUILHIN, USNR.

Cdr. Robert W. GRAHAM, USNR.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division SIXTY-NINE

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 27 November 1946

## U.S.S. ABERCROMBIE (DE-343)

The U.S.S. ABERCROMBIE commemorates the Naval career of the late Ensign William Warner ABERCROMBIE, United States Naval Reserve, a member of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT, who was killed on June 4, 1942 in the Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 23 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Carl William Abercrombie, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 1 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 109,649.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from October 1944 to March 1945.  
5th Fleet from March 1945 to May 1945.  
9th Fleet from May 1945 to June 1945.  
3rd Fleet from June 1945 to August 1945.  
9th Fleet from August 1945 to September 1945.  
5th Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Leyte — Battle of Leyte — Invasion of Luzon at Lingayen  
Okinawa Operation — Occupation of Japan

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed two Japanese planes

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. C. G. KATSCHINSKI, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. J. R. HICKS, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 13 August 1946.

## U.S.S. ROBERT BRAZIER (DE-345)

The U.S.S. Robert BRAZIER commemorates the Naval career of Robert B. BRAZIER, Aviation Radioman Second Class, USN, who was born in Toole, Utah, on 13 June 1916, and who was killed in enemy action in the Battle of Midway, 4 June 1942.

He enlisted in the Navy at Salt Lake City, Utah, 6 October 1939 and at the time of his death was a member of Torpedo Squadron Three. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial action as a gunner 4 June 1942. He defended his plane by continuous gunfire against overwhelming enemy opposition until mortally wounded. After reporting his condition, he courageously performed essential radio operations which enabled the pilot to return to his own force. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country.

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Shipbuilding Company, Orange Texas.

**LAUNCHED:** 22 January 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Brazier, mother.

**COMMISSIONED:** 16 May 1944.

**MILES STEAMED:** 88,103.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from August 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from January 1945 to August 1945.  
1st Fleet from 11 December to 18 December 1945.  
19th Fleet from December to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Atlantic Ocean Escort Duty — Philippines Occupation — Occupation  
Of Japan

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. Donald R. SAYDER USNR, 18 May 1944 to 4 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Paul R. O'BRIEN, USNR, from 4 Dec. 1945 to 23 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Joseph C. SPITLER, USN, 23 Dec. 1945 to 25 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) Bernard J. DRUEDING, USNR, 25 Feb. 1946 to 16 April 1946.  
Lt. (jg) Robert W. ELDRED, USN, 16 April 1946 to 14 Sept. 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander, Task Group 75.7 21 February 1945 to 1 March 1945

#### Commander Task Unit

Cdr. C. M. LYONS Jr.	27.6.1	Cdr. L. M. KING Jr.	75.2.4
	29.6.12		78.3.44
	75.2.4.		78.3.4
	75.7.1		76.6.4
	75.7.2		15.1.8
	75.2.7		

Commander Escort Division 76 from August 1944 to September 1945.

### DECOMMISSIONED

14 September 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 9 December 1946.



## U.S.S. EDWIN A. HOWARD (DE-346)

The U.S.S. EDWIN A. HOWARD commemorates the Naval career of Corporal Edwin Alfred Howard, U.S.M.C., who was born in Phoenix Arizona, 6 July 1922, and who died as a result of wounds received in action 3 November 1942, at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

Corporal Howard enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, at Los Angeles, California, on 23 September, 1941. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for service set forth in the following citation:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in charge of a Communication Wire Team attempting to establish vital lines to the rear in an area under enemy Japanese sniper and artillery fire on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, 3 November 1942. When an enemy shell exploded in his immediate vicinity, wounding one of his men, Corporal Howard, having cried for help, quickly ran to the assistance of the injured man. While bravely attempting to remove his comrade to a place of comparative safety, Corporal Howard was struck by fragments of a Japanese shell and was instantly killed. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: March 1944.  
SPONSOR: Julia W. Howard, mother of Corporal Howard, Los Angeles, California.  
COMMISSIONED: 25 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 88,349.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

6th Fleet from Sept. 1944 to Nov. 1944.  
7th Fleet from Nov. 1944 to Aug. 1945.  
19th Fleet from Dec. 1945 to \_\_\_\_\_19\_\_\_\_\_.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Atlantic Convoy Escort, September and October 1944.  
Philippine Occupation, January February and March 1945.  
Occupation of Japan, August 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. H. DENFIELD, USNR, 25 May 1945 to 27 Oct. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. R. B. SILLECK, USNR, 27 Oct. 1945 to 23 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. S. L. KADISON, USNR, 23 December 1945 to 14 January 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. J. E. TUTTLE, USN, 14 Jan. 1946 to 13 May 1946.  
Lt. H. M. SHAFFER, USN, 13 May 1946 to 25 Sept. 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

25 September 1946.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 November 1946

## U.S.S. JESSE RUTHERFORD (DE-347)

The U.S.S. RUTHERFORD commemorates the Naval career of PRIVATE JESSE RUTHERFORD, JR., who was born in Salmon, Idaho, on January 12, 1922, and was killed in action aboard the U.S.S. LEXINGTON on May 8, 1942.

Private Rutherford enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Seattle, Washington on July 14, 1941, and served from July 16, 1941, at San Diego, California until he joined the U.S.S. LEXINGTON on November 8, 1941.

Private Rutherford was awarded the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, 1941: the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1942: and the NAVY CROSS for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and meritorious devotion to duty as fuse setter on a ship in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8, 1942. Although mortally wounded by the fragments of a bursting bomb, Private Rutherford, displaying outstanding courage and a loyal determination to keep his gun in action despite his injured condition, valiantly remained at his battle station setting fuses until he collapsed on the deck. His inspiring loyalty and utter disregard for his own life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Rutherford, mother, 103 Evergreen St., Chanute, Kansas.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corp., Shipbuilding Div., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED:  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Mary Rutherford, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 29 January 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 93,273.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 June 1946.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 30 December 1946.

## U.S.S. KEY (DE-348)

The U. S. S. KEY commemorates the Naval career of 1st Lieutenant Eugene Moreland Key, USMCR, who was born in Conree, Texas, on 5 October, 1916. He was killed in action 7 August, 1942, while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during an attack on enemy Japanese forces at Tulagi, Solomon Islands.

First Lieutenant Key enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on 17 January, 1941, and served in an enlisted status until 28 May, 1941. On 29 May, 1941, he accepted appointment as 2nd Lieutenant, and on 4 June, 1942, accepted appointment as 1st Lieutenant. He was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism during an attack on enemy Japanese positions on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, 7 August 1942, as set forth in the following citation:

"When his platoon was attacked by hostile snipers from the flank, 1st Lieutenant Key, although mortally wounded, worked his way forward and destroyed enemy positions with hand grenades, enabling his platoon to advance without further loss. His personal valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation Ltd., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: \_\_\_\_\_ 1944.  
SPONSOR: Ira F. Key, mother, 209 S. Houston St. Bryan, Texas.  
COMMISSIONED: 5 June 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 91,251

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

6th Fleet from September 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from November 1944 to August 1945.  
19th Fleet from December 1945 to \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Atlantic Convoy Escort during September and October 1944.  
Philippine Occupation of January, February and March 1945  
Occupation of Japan of August 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. F. D. BUCKLEY, USN, 5 June 1944, to 5 January 1946.  
Lt. H. W. RANCK, USN, 5 January 1946, to 31 January 1946.  
Lt. (jg) J. R. BOON, USNR, 31 January 1946 to 20 March 1946.  
Lt. (jg) E. O. SVENSON, USNR, 20 March 1946, to 15 June 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 23 December 1946.



## U.S.S. GENTRY (DE-349)

The U.S.S. GENTRY commemorates the Naval career of SECOND LIEUTENANT W. R. GENTRY, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

SECOND LIEUTENANT W. R. GENTRY was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on August 25, 1920. He died in action on November 2, 1942.

Lieutenant Gentry enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on June 18, 1941 and on September 18, 1941, was appointed Aviation Cadet, in which capacity he served until May 26, 1942. On May 27 he accepted appointment as Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve at Corpus Christi, Texas.

From May 27, 1942 until June 18, 1942, Lieutenant Gentry was assigned to duty at the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas; from June 18, 1942 until October 30, 1942, at the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California; and was assigned to duty in the field from October 30, 1942.

Lieutenant Gentry was awarded the Purple Heart, 1942; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, 1942; and the Air Medal, 1942, for service at the Solomon Islands, with the following citation:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a pilot in a Marine Scout-Bombing Squadron during action against enemy Japanese forces over the Solomon Islands, November 2, 1942. Upon return from a search flight which he had been compelled to abandon because of bad weather and low visibility, Second Lieutenant Gentry, although hazardous flying conditions still prevailed, unhesitatingly volunteered his services as a pilot in an attack group and set out upon a dangerous mission. His fearless devotion to duty, maintained with utter disregard of personal safety, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Next of kin: Mr. Frank Gentry, father, c/o General Del., Pawnee, Okla.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corp., Orange, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 24 May 1944.

COMMISSIONED: 14 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 87,955

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

6th Fleet from June 1944 to January 1945.

7th Fleet from January 1945 to December 1945.

19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Picket line at Okinawa

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. D. A. SMITH, USNR, 14 June 1944 to 7 July 1945.

Lt. Cdr. Monroe KELLY, USN, 7 July 1945 to 19 Feb. 1946.

Lt. John C. GOLDEN, USNR, 19 Feb. 1946 to 2 July 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division 78 and 31

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 17 March 1947.

## U.S.S. TRAW (DE-350)

The U.S.S. TRAW commemorates the Naval career of Platoon Sergeant London Lewis TRAW, U.S. Marine Corps.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corp., Shipbuilding Div., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 12 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Jennie TRAW, Lake City, Arkansas.  
COMMISSIONED: 20 June 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 75,503.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from January 1945 to December 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

COMMANDING OFFICERS  
Lt Cdr. J. T. KILBRETH, USNR.  
Lt Cdr. R. A. NORELIUS, USNR

DECOMMISSIONED  
7 June 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California, on 31 March 1947.

**U.S.S. MAURICE J. MANUEL (DE-351)**

The U.S.S. MAURICE J. MANUEL commemorates the Naval career of Private First Class Maurice J. Manuel, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corp., Orange, Texas.

**LAUNCHED:** 19 February 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Leona Manuel, 422 Moss St. Lake Charles, Louisiana.

**COMMISSIONED:** 30 June 1944.

**MILES STEAMED:** 87,109.

**WORLD WAR II**

**FLEETS ATTACHED**

7th Fleet from January 1945 to December 1945.

19th Fleet from December 1945.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt. Cdr. W. M. LOWRY, USNR.

Lt. C. W. WHITTEN, USNR.

Lt. J. A. WARNER, USNR.

Lt. (jg) R. W. SCHOLLER, USNR.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

22 May 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California, on 28 February 1947

## U.S.S. NAIFEH (DE-352)

The U.S.S. NAIFEH commemorates the Naval career of LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) ALFRED NAIFEH, SC-V(G), U.S. NAVAL RESERVE, DECEASED. Born 5 January 1915 in Covington, Tipton County, Tennessee. Appointed Assistant Paymaster with the rank of Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve July 5, 1941.

Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Alfred Naifeh reported for temporary active duty under instruction 24 September 1941, Navy Supply Corps School, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts. On February 27, 1942 he reported for duty as disbursing officer in a destroyer division and on 1 October 1942 was promoted to Lieutenant (Junior Grade) (Temporary). Died 16 October 1942 as result of exposure following enemy action in the Battle of Solomon Islands, attached to U.S.S. MEREDITH.

### EDUCATION

Attended the University of Oklahoma, School of Arts and Sciences, to law (Norman, Oklahoma), 1933-1940, B.A. degree, 1937. LL.B. degree, 1940. Fellowship at the Law School of the University of Michigan, 1940-1941. R.O.T.C. at the University of Oklahoma.

### AWARDS

PURPLE HEART, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL, with the following citation:

"For heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty in caring for survivors clinging to life rafts after the sinking of the U.S.S. MEREDITH. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant (jg) Naifeh persisted in constantly swimming around the rafts, rendering invaluable aid to the men who were wounded or exhausted. As consequence of his continued valiant efforts to hold these men to the rafts, he himself was completely overcome by exhaustion which ultimately resulted in his death. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country." Next of Kin: Mrs. Rathia Naifeh, 601 East Boyd St., Norman, Okla.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corp., Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 29 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Rathia Naifeh.  
COMMISSIONED: 4 July 1944  
MILES STEAMED:

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from August 1944 to January 1945.  
Philippine Sea Frontier from February 1945 to November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Philippine Campaign

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. JOHN S. ALBERT III, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED 14 June 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on 26 December 1946.

## U.S.S. DOYLE C. BARNES (DE-353)

The U.S.S. BARNES commemorates the Naval career of ENSIGN DOYLE CLAYTON BARNES, USN.

ENSIGN DOYLE CLAYTON BARNES was born in Oeniville, Texas on April 5, 1912. He died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area, the presumptive date of his death being August 25, 1943. He was officially reported missing in action as of August 24, 1942, having been attached to a Fighting Squadron when the plane he was piloting was lost in the South Pacific.

Ensign Barnes served in the United States Navy in an enlisted status from October 20, 1933, to April 14, 1942, on which date he was appointed Machinist for temporary service, to rank from March 21, 1942. On May 5, 1942, he was designated Naval Aviator (heavier-than-air), effective March 21, 1942. On July 23, 1942, he was appointed by the President to the grade of Ensign, for temporary service, to rank from June 15, 1942.

His record of service as an officer included assignments of two Fighting Squadrons for duty involving flying.

Ensign Barnes was awarded the American Defense Service Medal (for enlisted service); the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, 1942; and the Navy Cross with the following Citation:

"For extraordinary heroism as pilot of an airplane of a Fighting Squadron in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. Launched from his carrier to intercept an incoming assault by the Japanese torpedo planes, Ensign Barnes faced an attack so fully developed that, by the time he took off from the flight deck, the ships 5-inch guns were already blasting their fire at the attacking enemy craft. Despite tremendous anti-aircraft barrage from our ships, he pressed home immediate and vigorous counter-attacks against the Japanese force, shooting down two torpedo planes. His aggressive skill and courageous devotion to duty, maintained by great risk against overwhelming odds, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Next of kin: Mrs. Margie F. Barnes, wife, 2524 Inman Ct., San Diego, Cal.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidatd Steel Corp., Orange, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 29 February 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Doyle C. Barnes, Route 1, Box 568, Redondo Beach, Cal.

COMMISSIONED: 17 July 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 94,379.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. Loren H. KISER, USN.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division 33

Commander Escort Division 82

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 7 November 1946.



## U.S.S. KENNETH M. WILLETT (DE-354)

The U.S.S. KENNETH M. WILLETT commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) KENNETH M. WILLETT, U.S. Naval Reserve. Lieutenant (jg) WILLETT was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism when the merchant vessel on which he was Armed Guard Officer was attacked by enemy raiders, during the early part of the war in the Atlantic.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 28 May 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. D. C. Willett, Mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 19 July 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 92,092.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Seventh Fleet from 28 November 1944 to May 1946  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from April 1946

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Philippine Liberation

DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY  
One Japanese torpedo plane destroyed

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. JOHN STEWART, USN, 19 July 1944 to 1 August 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. WALTER T. FLYNN, USNR, 1 Aug. 1944 to 5 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. HENRY C. TURNER, USNR, 5 Dec. 1945 to 15 June 1946.  
Ens. GEORGE W. CANNING, USNR, 15 June 1946 to 24 Oct. 1946.

DECOMMISSIONED  
24 October 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on 10 November 1946.

## U.S.S. JACCARD (DE-355)

The U.S.S. JACCARD commemorates the Naval career of Ensign RICHARD A. JACCARD, killed in action at Guadalcanal on October 27, 1942. Ensign JACCARD was awarded the Purple Heart and Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and courageous devotion to duty while piloting and airplane against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway and for participating in a devastating assault against a Japanese invasion fleet.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 18 March 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. C. Roy Jaccard, Mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 26 July 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 86,310.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from 21 October 1944 to 26 April 1946.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from May 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Leyte — 13 December 1944.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. C. R. HAMILTON, USNR, 26 July 1944 to 24 Aug. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. E. L. PATTON, USNR, 24 Aug. 1945 to 3 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. W. A. MORGAN, USN, 3 Dec. 1945 to 16 June 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. J. D. AINSWORTH, USN, 16 June 1946 to 30 Dec. 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

30 September 1946

### INACTIVATED

3 December 1946



**U.S.S. LLOYD E. ACREE (DE-356)**

The U.S.S. LLOYD E. ACREE commemorates the Naval career of LLOYD E. ACREE, aviation ordnance man third class, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action in the service of his country, during the early part of the war.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 3 June 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. E. A. ACREE, mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 1 August 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 95,000.

**WORLD WAR II  
FLEETS ATTACHED**

Atlantic Fleet from August 1944 to October 1944  
7th Fleet from October 1944 to April 1946  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from May 1946

**CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Leyte Gulf

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt. Cdr. JOHN E. GREENBACKER, USN, 1 Aug. 1944 to 10 June 1946.  
Lt. (jg) CARL D. RUETTER, USN, 10 June 1946 to 10 Sept. 1946.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

10 October 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California, on 20 November 1946

**U.S.S. GEORGE E. DAVIS (DE-357)**

The U.S.S. GEORGE E. DAVIS commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant GEORGE E. DAVIS, Jr., U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1935, killed in action while in command of the after eight inch gun turret on the U.S.S. HOUSTON on 4 February 1942.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 17 June 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. George E. Davis, widow.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 11 August 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 98,330.

**WORLD WAR II**

**FLEETS ATTACHED**

Philippine Sea Frontier Forces  
7th Fleet  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from May 1946

**CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Philippine Liberation

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt. Cdr. Frederrick L. LINCOLN, USNR, 11 Aug. 1944 to 11 Nov. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Ralph R. WALKER, USNR, 11 Nov. 1945 to 6 March 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Herbert H. ANDERSON, USN, 6 March 1946 to 10 June 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Hollis C. RAWLS, Jr., USNR, 10 June 1946 to 20 Sept. 1946.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

20 September 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California on 27 December 1946

## U.S.S. MACK (DE-358)

The U.S.S. MACK commemorates the Naval career of HAROLD JOHN MACK, gunner's mate first class, U.S. Navy, who died as a result of enemy action on or about 10 August 1943, on board the U.S.S. VINCENNES. He was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his heroism as a gun captain, during the action in which the ship was lost.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 7 June 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Gertrude Mack, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 16 August 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 93,284.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from November 1944 to July 1945  
Philippine Sea Frontier July 1945 to February 1946  
7th Fleet from February 1946 to April 1946  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from May 1946

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. JOHN F. NELSON, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. CYRIL G. GRIFFIN, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. HAROLD W. BRANYON, USN.  
Lt. (jg) CLARENCE E. FARLEY, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

11 December 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California 7 December 1946

## U.S.S. WOODSON (DE-359)

The U.S.S. WOODSON was named in honor of Lieutenant (jg) JEFF DAVIS WOODSON, who, as a pilot of famed Torpedo Squadron Eight, was lost in the Battle of Midway. His death ended a Naval career which began with his enlistment as an apprentice seaman in 1926. Lieutenant (jg) WOODSON rose steadily through all enlisted grades, became an Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate (Naval Aviation Pilot) in 1937. A Chief Aviation Pilot in 1942 and was appointed Lieutenant (jg) later in the same year.

He was awarded the Navy Cross (posthumously) for his extraordinary heroism as a pilot of "Torpedo Eight" in that squadron's valiant attacks against enemy forces off Midway Islands on 4 June 1942. The citation read in part, "For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service beyond the call of duty --- Grimly aware of the hazardous consequences of flying without fighter protection, and with insufficient fuel to return to his carrier, Lieutenant (jg) WOODSON resolutely, and with no thought of his own life, delivered an effective torpedo attack against violent assaults of enemy Japanese aircraft and against an almost solid barrage of anti-aircraft fire. . . ."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: \_\_\_\_\_19\_\_\_\_\_  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Jeff Davis Woodson, widow.  
COMMISSIONED: 24 August 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 73,559.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Fleet Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet 1 November  
1944 to 30 November 1944  
7th Fleet, 30 November 1944 to 12 December 1945  
19th Fleet, 12 December 1945 to present

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippine Liberation  
Occupations of Korea and China

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. J. L. FOLEY, USN.  
Lt. Cdr. A. R. CORLETT, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. E. H. FORREST, USN.  
Lt. (jg) B. E. GASSER, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. S. G. RUBINOW, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) P. A. DOYLE, USN.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander (later Captain) R. B. RANDOLPH, USNR  
Commander Escort Division 85

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1946

#### INACTIVATED

15 October 1946

## U.S.S. WALTON (DE-361)

The U.S.S. WALTON was named in honor of Platoon Sergeant MERRITT CECIL WALTON, U.S. Marine Corps. He was awarded the Navy Cross, posthumously, for extraordinary heroism as a member of a Parachute Battalion in action on 7 August 1942 against Japanese forces on Gayutu, Solomon Islands. Fully aware of his personal danger, he voluntarily reconnoitered a hostile machine gun which threatened his platoon's right flank. After spotting its location, he participated in a daring attack which silenced the deadly weapon before he was wounded.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 3 May 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Clara Olson, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 4 September 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 69,854.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 4 September 1944 to 30 November 1944  
7th Fleet, 30 November 1944 to 12 December 1945  
19th Fleet, 12 December 1945 to present

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippine Liberation  
Occupation of Korea and China

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. W. S. WILLS, Jr., USN.  
Lt. Cdr. T. E. OLSON, USN.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Captain R. B. RANDOLPH, USNR  
Commander Escort Division 85

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, on 3 August 1946



## U.S.S. ROLF (DE-362)

The U.S.S. ROLF was named in honor of Lieutenant (jg) ROBERT WALTER ROLF, USNR, who died on 6 September 1944. He was awarded the Navy Cross for outstanding devotion to duty as Commanding Officer of an LCI which was disabled by a near miss from a Japanese bomb at the invasion of Lae, New Guinea, on 4 September 1943. After skillfully landing his craft he personally led a party in extinguishing the numerous fires aboard, carrying on under repeated bombings, and strafing attacks until he was killed. As a result of his determination and inspiring leadership, his ship was saved for further service.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
.LAUNCHED: 4 May 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Martha M. Rolf, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 7 September 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 75,059.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

U.S. Atlantic Fleet 7 September 1944 to 30 November 1944  
7th Fleet 30 November 1944 to 12 December 1945  
19th Fleet 12 December 1945 to present

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Philippine Liberation Occupation of Korea and China

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. L. E. HUBBEL, USN.  
Lt. W. J. KLEIN, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) A. F. NORWOOD, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED 3 June 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on 27 August 1946

## U.S.S. PRATT (DE-363)

The U.S.S. PRATT was named in honor of father and son, Lieutenant Commander MALCOLM LEWIS PRATT, (MC), U.S. Naval Reserve, and his son, First Lieutenant JOHN LESTER PRATT, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, both killed in action on the same island. Lt. Cdr. PRATT was presumed dead as a result of enemy action when a reconnaissance group of a Marine Division to which he was attached, failed to return from patrol near Mantaniken Village, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Group. The presumptive date of death was 14 August 1943.

First Lieutenant JOHN LESTER PRATT had been killed in action on 22 January 1943 on Guadalcanal.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 8 May 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Catherine West Pratt.  
COMMISSIONED: 18 September 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 75,179.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from 30 November 1944 to 12 December 1945  
19th Fleet from 12 December 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippine Liberation  
Occupations of Korea and China

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. R. H. WANLESS, USN.  
Lt. Cdr. H. E. ELLIS, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) G. W. WALSH, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

13 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 14 July 1946

## U.S.S. McGINTY (DE-365)

The U.S.S. McGINTY commemorates the Naval career of FRANKLIN ALEXANDER McGINTY, Sonarman Third Class, USNR, who was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on 22 November 1911 and was killed as a result of enemy action, presumptive date of his death being 5 August 1943.

McGINTY received the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving aboard the U.S.S. PLYMOUTH, during and after the sinking of that ship, on 5 August 1943. When there was an underwater explosion amidship, causing devastating fires and extensive damage, McGINTY unhesitatingly risked his life in behalf of his endangered shipmates. In a courageous attempt to rescue a man known to be trapped in the ship's flaming armory, McGINTY entered the compartment and was himself trapped. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 5 August 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Henry T. Malone.  
COMMISSIONED: 25 September 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 86,575.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

9th Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Occupation of Japan — Wakanoura wan

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. WILLIAM H. HARRISON.  
Lt. Cdr. CHANDLER HOVEY, Jr.  
Lt. Cdr. EDWIN KIEFER.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED Commander, J. FREDERICK WAY

DECOMMISSIONED  
15 January 1947

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on 21 January 1947

## U.S.S. ALVIN C. COCKRELL (DE-366)

The U.S.S. ALVIN COCKRELL commemorates the Naval career of Alvin Chester COCKRELL, First Lieutenant, USMC, who was born in Hazelhurst, Mississippi on 28 September 1918 and died as a result of enemy action on 24 September 1942.

Lieutenant COCKRELL received the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous devotion to duty in action against Japanese forces near Mambulo, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands on September 24, 1942. In the face of hostile machine gun and rifle fire, First Lieutenant COCKRELL with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led his platoon in an assault against a strongly held enemy position, inflicting extremely heavy losses and contributing in a large part to the defeat of the Japanese in this engagement. First Lieutenant COCKRELL'S outstanding courage and aggressive fighting spirit reflected great credit upon himself, his command and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life in the defense of his country."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Company, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 27 June 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Jim Alice Cockrell Perkins.  
COMMISSIONED: 7 October 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 75,586.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from October 1944 to December 1944  
9th Fleet from December 1944 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946

CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS  
Occupation of Japan — Wakanoura wan

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. MERRILL N. SANFORD.

FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED  
Commander MERRILL N. SANFORD, (acting)

### DECOMMISSIONED

5 November 1945

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California, 2 July 1946

## U.S.S. FRENCH (DE-367)

The U.S.S. FRENCH commemorates the Naval career of Neldon Theo FRENCH, Corporal, USMC, born in Tennessee, and was killed as a result of enemy action on 9 October 1942.

Corporal FRENCH received the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with a Marine Battalion in action against the enemy forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on 8-9 October 1942. When his battalion moved into defensive position along the Manikau River, Corporal FRENCH and other members of his platoon bore the brunt of the heavy enemy assault against the hastily prepared positions. Approximately 150 Japanese stealing through dense jungles under cover of smoke fiercely attacked the small group of Marines with automatic weapons, hand grenades, and bayonets. Fighting desperately in hand to hand combat with overwhelming hostile forces, Corporal FRENCH refused to be dislodged from his position and after exacting a tremendous toll of the enemy, heroically died at his post. His indomitable fighting spirit and unyielding devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Company, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 29 June 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. C. H. French.  
COMMISSIONED: 9 October 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 73,569.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

9th Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from January 1946

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation of Japan — Wakanoura wan

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Bombardment of Koror, Urkthapel, Malakal, Arakasan, Palau Islands

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. THOMAS K. DUNSTAN.  
Lt. Cdr. REGINALD C. ROBBINS, Jr.  
Lt. Cdr. EVERETT M. GLENN.  
Lt. Cdr. JOHN G. GRAHN.  
Cdr. E. H. MAHER.  
Cdr. J. R. GREY.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

29 May 1946

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 10 January 1947



## U.S.S. CECIL J. DOYLE (DE-368)

The U.S.S. CECIL J. DOYLE commemorates the Naval career of Cecil John DOYLE, Second Lieutenant, USMCR, who was born in Marshall, Minnesota on 10 August 1920 and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area, the presumptive date of his death being 8 November 1943, and he was officially reported missing 7 November 1942.

Second Lieutenant DOYLE was awarded the Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific Medal and the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism as a pilot attached to a Marine fighting squadron in combat with the enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area from 18-25 October 1942. Pressing home his attacks against the enemy with skill and determination, Second Lieutenant DOYLE shot down five Japanese planes during the period, thereby contributing materially to the security of our forces in that area. His cool courage and domitable fighting spirit were an inspiration to all members of his squadron and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Company, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 21 July 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Owen P. Doyle.  
COMMISSIONED: 16 October 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 63,417.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from January 1945 to February 1945  
9th Fleet from February 1945 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation of Japan — Wakanoura wan

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Bombardment of Koro, Urkthapel, Malakal, Arakabsan, in Palau Islands

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. D. S. CROCKER  
Lt. Cdr. W. G. CLAYTOR  
Lt. Cdr. R. CHILDS

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 26 August 1946

## U.S.S. THADDEUS PARKER (DE-369)

The U.S.S. THADDEUS PARKER commemorates the Naval career of Thaddeus PARKER, Pharmacists Mate Second Class, USN, who was born in Cross City, Florida and was killed as a result of enemy action while serving with a Marine Company on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in 1942.

PARKER received the Asiatic Pacific Medal, Purple Heart, Silver Star and the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with a Marine Battalion on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Pharmacists Mate PARKER, while being engaged with heavy enemy action against the Japanese, although wounded, disregarded his own personal well being and personal safety and exposed himself to further enemy gunfire while endeavoring to assist and aid the wounded Marines of his company, the result of which proved fatal to himself. He generously and unquestionably gave his life in the defense of his country. PARKER'S heroism and unselfish devotion to those who needed him were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Company, Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 17 October 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Miss Eva Lee Parker.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 25 October 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 83,703.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944  
1st Fleet from December 1944 to February 1945  
9th Fleet from February 1945 to March 1945  
5th Fleet from March 1945 to April 1945  
9th Fleet from April 1945 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Iwo Jima — Occupation of Japan-Wakanoura wan

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Bombardment of Koror, Urkthapel, Malakal and Arakabsan, Palau Islands

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. DUANE R. STAONELEIGH.  
Lt. Cdr. HENRY J. ERECKSON.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 18 September 1946

## U.S.S. JOHN L. WILLIAMSON (DE-370)

The U.S.S. JOHN L. WILLIAMSON commemorates the Naval career of John Leon WILLIAMSON, seaman first class, USN, who was born in Ash County, North Carolina on 5 November 1921. After successfully engaging the enemy while attached to the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO at Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Bougainville, Salamaua, Savo Island, and the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, he was killed as a result of enemy action on November 12, 1942, in the Pacific Area.

Seaman first class WILLIAMSON was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism as a gunner aboard the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO during enemy action against the enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on 12 November 1942. Courageously refusing to abandon his gun in the face of an onrushing Japanese Torpedo plane, WILLIAMSON, with cool determination and utter disregard for his own personal safety, kept blazing away until the hostile craft plunged out of the sky in a flaming dive and crashed on his station. His grim perseverance and relentless devotion to duty in the face of certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life in the defense of his country."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 29 August 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Sherman Register, 6 Lake Forest Parkway, Wilmington, North Carolina.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 31 October 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 64,052.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

9th Fleet from October 1944 to August 1945  
5th Fleet from August 1945 to January 1946  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from January 1946

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation of Japan — Wakanoura wan

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Bombardment of Wotje, Marshall Islands

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. JOHN E. ALLEN.  
Lt. Cdr. CLAUD B. SHAW.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

14 June 1946

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 20 September 1946

## U.S.S. PRESLEY (DE-371)

The U.S.S. PRESLEY commemorates the Naval career of the late Sam PRESLEY, aviation machinist mate first class, U.S. Navy, who was killed in the line of duty during the early part of the war.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 11 September 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Presley, widow.  
COMMISSIONED: 7 November 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 55,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from March 1945 to September 1945  
9th Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. RICHARD S. PARET, USNR.

FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED  
Commander Escort Division Eighty-seven

### DECOMMISSIONED

20 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 25 June 1946

**U.S.S. WILLIAMS (DE-372)**

The U.S.S. WILLIAMS commemorates the Naval career of the late Rear Admiral George W. WILLIAMS, United States, Navy.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Consolidated Steel Corporation, Orange, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 22 August 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. E. Willoughby Middleston.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 11 November 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 50,000.

**WORLD WAR II  
FLEETS ATTACHED**

7th Fleet from March 1945 to September 1945  
9th Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt. Cdr. L. F. LOUTREL, U.S. Navy.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

4 June 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California 7 October 1946



## U.S.S. RICHARD S. BULL (DE-402)

The U.S.S. RICHARD S. BULL commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Richard S. BULL, United States Navy, killed in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 9, 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 16 November 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Richard S. Bull, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 26 February 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 128,473.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from February 1944 to May 1944  
1st Fleet from May 1944 to September 1944  
7th Fleet from September 1944 to February 1945  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to June 1945  
3rd Fleet from June 1945 to July 1945  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to November 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morotai — Leyte — Luzon — Iwo Jima — Okinawa

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. A. W. GARDES, USN.  
Lt. Cdr. F. S. MOSELEY, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. J. R. GATTMAN, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) D. A. FORSYTHE, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. L. M. GRIFFIN, USNR.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Cdr. J. V. BEWICK, USN.  
Capt. J. F. GALLAHER, USN., Commander Destroyer Escorts 19th Fleet.  
Cdr. R. S. PARET, USNR., Commander Destroyer Escort 19th Fleet.

### DECOMMISSIONED

10 January 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 15 January 1947

## U.S.S. RICHARD M. ROWELL (DE-403)

The U.S.S. RICHARD M. ROWELL commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Richard M. ROWELL, of Torpedo Squadron 8, killed in action in 1942 in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 17 November 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Rowell, mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 9 March 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 140,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

1st Fleet March 1944 to September 1944  
7th Fleet September 1944 to February 1945  
5th Fleet February 1945 to July 1945  
9th Fleet July 1945 to November 1945  
19th Fleet November 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morotai — Leyte — Luzon — Iwo Jima — Okinawa

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

1 Possible Submarine October 3, 1945 1 Submarine, October 26, 1945  
3 Mines

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. H. A. BARNARD, Jr., USN.  
Lt. Cdr. N. B. BULLARD, USNR.  
Lt. G. J. ANDREW, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) "F" F. MOSS, USNR.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander J. V. BEWICK, USN

### DECOMMISSIONED

26 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on October 1, 1946

## U.S.S. DENNIS (DE-405)

The U.S.S. DENNIS commemorates the Naval career of Otto Lee DENNIS, RM3/c, USN., killed in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Co., Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 4 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. John L. Dennis, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 20 March 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 118,451.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from 30 July 1944 to 13 August 1944  
7th Fleet from 13 August 1944 to 20 November 1944  
5th Fleet 12 January 1945 to 10 June 1945  
3rd Fleet from 10 June 1945 to 16 July 1945  
7th Fleet from 16 July 1945 to 5 September 1945  
5th Fleet from 5 September 1945 to 1 October 1945  
9th Fleet from 1 October 1945 to 14 October 1945  
19th Fleet from 14 October 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morotai — Leyte — Battle of Samar — Okinawa — Iwo Jima

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One (1) Japanese heavy cruiser sunk — One (1) Japanese plane

### CITATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. S. HANSEN, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. S. N. GLIES, USNR.  
Lt. R. W. CRENSHAW, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) C. W. BAUGH, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1945

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 3 August 1946

## U.S.S. EDMONDS (DE-406)

The U.S.S. EDMONDS commemorates the Naval career of Bert C. EDMONDS, AOM1, USN, posthumously awarded the Silver Star for action in the Solomon Islands Area.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 17 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Fathe Edmonds, mother  
COMMISSIONED: 3 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 121,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from April 1944 to September 1944.  
7th Fleet from September 1944 to February 1945.  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to July 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morotai — Leyte — Luzon — Iwo Jima — Okinawa

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Two (2) aircraft shot down.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. C. S. BARKER, JR., USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. J. S. BURROWS, JR., USNR.  
Lt. W. B. BURSCHINGER, USNR.  
Lt. J. BROWN, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. F. E. RINGLE, USNR.  
Lt. (jg) C. B. KOPF, JR., USNR.  
Lt. (jg) E. H. KENDIG, JR., USNR.  
Lt. (jg) C. H. ENGEL, USNR.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander J. V. BEWICK, USN

### DECOMMISSIONED

3 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on July 26 1946.

## U.S.S. STRAUS (DE-408)

The U.S.S. STRAUS commemorates the Naval career of Ensign David H. STRAUS JR., of Houston, Texas, killed in action aboard the U.S.S. LEXINGTON in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Co., Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 30 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. J. STRAUS, 4219 Yoakum St., Houston, Texas.  
COMMISSIONED: 6 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 117,706

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

U.S. Pacific Fleet — Pacific Reserve Fleet

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Saipan

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. D. A. NIENSTADT, USNR.  
Lt. L. E. JURGENSEN, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. T. J. KOHNE, USNR.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander CortDiv 65.  
Cdr. Leon S. KINTBERGER, USN, from May 2, 1944 to Aug. 25, 1944.  
Cdr. Donald C. BROWN, USNR, from Aug. 25, 1944 to Dec. 4, 1944.

### DECOMMISSIONED

11 August 1946.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 15 January 1947.



## U.S.S. LA PRADE (DE-409)

The U.S.S. LA PRADE commemorates the Marine Corps career of First Lieutenant Robert M. LaPrade, U.S. Marine Corps, born in Kennedy, Texas, on 4 August 1916. He died in action on Guadalcanal on 23 January 1943.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 31 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. J. T. La Prade, mother, Kennedy, Texas.  
COMMISSIONED: 15 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 110,403

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

DECOMMISSIONED  
11 May 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on 19 July 1946.

## U.S.S. JACK MILLER (DE-410)

The U.S.S. Jack MILLER commemorates the Marine Corps career of Private Jack Miller, U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed in action against the enemy on Guadalcanal in the early part of the war.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 7 January 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. M. J. MILLER, mother.

COMMISSIONED: 12 April 1944.

MILES STEAMED:

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

### DECOMMISSIONED

1 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 16 October 1946.

## U.S.S. STAFFORD (DE-411)

The U.S.S. STAFFORD commemorates the Marine Corps career of the late Captain Richard Y. STAFFORD, USMCR, who was killed on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands on 11 October 1942, while serving as Commanding Officer of a company of marines engaged in an attack mission against enemy Japanese positions.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 11 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Miss Flora STAFFORD, sister, Sherman, Texas.  
COMMISSIONED: 19 April 1945.  
MILES STEAMED: 103,000

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from August 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from December 1944 to February 1945.  
3rd Fleet from May 1945 to June 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to August 1945.  
5th Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Luzon at Lingayen — Philippine Campaign — Ryukyus Campaign — Occupation of Japan

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed three (3) Japanese planes on the forenoon of 5 January 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. V. H. CRAIG, Jr., USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. D. M. PATTERSON, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

16 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 25 October 1946.

## U.S.S. WALTER C. WANN (DE-412)

The U.S.S. WALTER C. WANN commemorates the Naval career of late Walter Carl WANN, Jr., Pharmacists Mate First Class, U.S. Navy who was killed in action against the enemy in the Pacific Area on November 6, 1942. He was awarded the SILVER STAR posthumously.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 19 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Walter C. WANN, Mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 2 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 87,000

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from October 1944 to March 1945.  
5th Fleet from April 1945 to May 1945.  
9th Fleet from May 1945 to June 1945.  
3rd Fleet from June 1945 to July 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to September 1945.  
5th Fleet from October 1945 to November 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Leyte, November 1944 — Battle of the Philippines, November 1944 — Invasion of Lingayen, Luzon, January 1945. — Invasion of Okinawa, April 1945 — Occupation of Japan, September 1945.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed two (2) enemy Japanese Planes.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. John STEDMAN, USNR.  
Lt. Cdr. H. W. COCROFT, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 11 July 1946.

## U.S.S. LERAY WILSON (DE-414)

The U.S.S. LERAY WILSON commemorates the Naval career of LeRay WILSON, Metalsmith Second Class, U.S. Navy, who was killed as a result of enemy action on February 19, 1942, during a surprise Japanese attack on Darwin, Australia.

LeRay WILSON was awarded the Silver Star for his courage and efficiency in the performance of his hazardous task, and the obvious danger of being trapped by an explosion. As a member of the after repair party on an American warship, WILSON went immediately below decks and completed closing all doors and hatches which prevented the flooding of the ship, following an explosion in two compartments.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 28 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Julia Wilson, mother, Cove, Oregon.  
COMMISSIONED: 10 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 101,650.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from October 1944 to February 1945.  
3rd Fleet from March 1945 to August 1945.  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to December 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Leyte Operation — Luzon Operation — Lingayen Gulf Landings  
Okinawa Gunto Operation — 3rd Fleet Strikes on the Japanese Home-  
land, July 1945.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One twin-engine bomber destroyed in Philippines on 10 January 1945

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. M. V. CARSON, USNR, 10 May 1944 to 18 April 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Felix ENGLANDER, USN, 18 April 1945 to 1 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. T. J. KOHNE, USNR, 1 Feb. 1946 to 17 April 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Bruce G. KROGER, USN, 17 April 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division Twenty-five.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 20 February 1947



## U.S.S. LAWRENCE C. TAYLOR (DE-415)

The U.S.S. Lawrence C. TAYLOR, commemorates the Marine Corps career of Second Lieutenant Lawrence Coburn Taylor USMCR, who was killed in action while engaged in aerial combat over the Solomon Islands on August 24, 1942.

Second Lieutenant Taylor was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 29 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mr. L. H. Taylor, father.  
COMMISSIONED: 13 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 116,421.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to January 1945  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to May 1945  
3rd Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to December 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mindoro Operation — Luzon Operation — Formosa Strikes  
Iwo Jima Operation — Okinawa Gunto Operation — Third Fleet strikes  
on the Japanese homeland, July 1945. — Korean-Chinese Occupation

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One Japanese Submarine — November 18, 1944, Leyte, P.I.  
One Japanese Submarine sunk, 16 July 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. Ralph CULLINAN, Jr., from 13 May 1944 to 31 Jan. 1945.  
Cdr. J. R. GREY, USNR, from 31 Jan. 1945 to 23 April 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division Seventy-two.

### DECOMMISSIONED

23 April 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 19 December 1946

## U.S.S. MELVIN R. NAWMAN (DE-416)

The U.S.S. Melvin R. NAWMAN commemorates the Marine Corps career of Second Lieutenant Melvin R. NAWMAN, USMCR, who was born in Aurora, Illinois, on September 10, 1916. He was officially reported missing in action November 2, 1942, when the plane he was piloting failed to return from the Battle of Solomon Islands.

Second Lieutenant Melvin R. NAWMAN was commissioned on July 27, 1942, and at the time of his death was a member of a Marine Scout-Bombing Squadron. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1942; the Purple Heart, 1942; and the Air Medal, 1942 for meritorious achievement in aerial combat as a pilot over the Solomon Islands. Second Lieutenant NAWMAN returned from a search flight which he had been compelled to abandon because of bad weather and low visibility, and although hazardous flying conditions, still prevailed, unhesitatingly volunteered his service as pilot in an attack group and set out upon a dangerous mission. His fearless devotion to duty, maintained with utter disregard of personal safety, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 7 February 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. R. B. Nawman, mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 16 May 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 124,622.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to May 1945  
3rd Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to December 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mindoro Operation — Iwo Jima Operation — Okinawa Gunto Operation  
Third Fleet Strikes against the Japanese homeland, July 1945.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Assisted U.S.S. LAWRENCE C. TAYLOR (DE-415) in sinking a Japanese submarine near Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 18 November 1944.  
Shot down three Japanese planes near Kerma Retto in the Ryukyus on 2 April 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. F. W. KINSLEY, USN, 16 May 1944 to 18 March 1946.  
Lt. (jg) W. L. PATTERSON, USN, 18 March 1946 to 23 April 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

General Shepard, USMC, and staff from Okinawa, to Tsingtao, China, 7-11 October 1945.  
Vice Admiral D. E. BARBEY, USN, Com7thPhibFor., and staff; Lieut. Gen. Tu Li Ming, Chinese Nationalist Army, and Staff to Yingkow on diplomatic mission on 4 November 1945.  
Lieut. Gen. Tu Li Ming, and staff from Yingkow to Chingwangtao, China 4-5 November 1945.

### DECOMMISSIONED

23 April 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 January 1947

## U.S.S. OLIVER MITCHELL (DE-417)

The U.S.S. OLIVER MITCHELL commemorates the Marine Corp career of Second Lieutenant Oliver Mitchell, USMCR, who was born in Los Angeles, California on 14 March 1917, and who died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific. He was officially reported missing in action on 28 August 1942, when the plane he was flying failed to return from the Battle of the Solomon Islands.

Second Lieutenant Oliver Mitchell was commissioned on 14 March 1942, and, at the time of his death was a member of a striking group in an air raid against hostile Naval forces off Ramos Island. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal in 1942, the Purple Heart in 1942, and the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a pilot during action against enemy Japanese forces, in the Solomon Island area on 28 August 1942. In pressing home his attack in the face of tremendous anti-aircraft fire he contributed greatly to the destruction of three out of four Japanese destroyers.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
**LAUNCHED:** 8 February 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Margaret R. Mitchell, mother, Los Angeles, Calif.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 14 June 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 117,941.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to January 1945.  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to May 1945.  
3rd Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945.  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to December 1945

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Leyte Operation — Luzon Operation — Iwo Jima Operation — Okinawa Gunto Operation — Third Fleet strikes on the Japanese homeland, July 1945 — Korean-Chinese Occupation

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One enemy aircraft, one assist and one probable enemy aircraft.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. K. J. BARCLAY, USNR, 14 June 1944 to 22 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. T. W. WHEELER, Jr., USNR, 22 Dec. 1945 to 8 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. R. G. CHARLES, USNR, 8 Jan. 1946 to 11 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. J. J. LIPCHAK, USNR, 11 Feb. 1946 to 24 April 1946.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division Seventy-Two.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

24 April 1946.

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 10 July 1946

## U.S.S. TABBERER (DE-418)

The U.S.S. TABBERER commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (junior grade) Charles Arthur Tabberer, USNR, who was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on 18 December 1915. He was officially reported missing in action 7 August 1942, when the plane he was piloting failed to return from the Battle of the Solomon Islands.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Tabberer was leading a two-plane section of his squadron against hostile forces of 27 twin-engine bombers in the Solomon Islands. He was awarded the American Defense Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area on 7 August 1942. Lieutenant (jg) Tabberer, although viciously intercepted by Zero fighters, gallantly pressed home his attacks until his plane was shot down. His courageous fighting spirit and resolute devotion to duty contributed to the destruction of at least five enemy bombers and undoubtedly played a major role in disrupting the enemy attack.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.  
LAUNCHED: 18 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. C. A. Tabberer, widow.  
COMMISSIONED: 23 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 114,593.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to February 1945  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to May 1945  
3rd Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to December 1945  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mindoro Landings — Iwo Jima Operation — Okinawa Gunto Operation  
Third Fleet Strikes on the Japanese homeland, July 1945  
Korean-Chinese Occupation

### CITATIONS

Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for rescuing survivors from the U.S.S. HULL and U.S.S. SPENCE which had gone down in a typhoon off the coast of the Philippines on 17 December 1944.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. H. L. PLAGE, USNR, 23 May 1944 to 5 July 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. D. A. DeCOUDRES, USNR, from 5 July 1945 to 18 Jan. 1946  
Lt. Cdr. B. G. KROGER, USNR, 18 Jan. 1946 to 17 April 1946.  
Lt. (jg) D. E. ERWIN, USNR, 17 April 1946 to 24 April 1946

### DECOMMISSIONED

24 April 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 26 August 1946



## U.S.S. LELAND E. THOMAS (DE-420)

The U.S.S. LELAND E. THOMAS commemorates the Marine Corps career of Second Lieutenant Leland E. THOMAS, USMCR, who was born in Onterio, Oregon, on September 20, 1918, and who was killed in action at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 18, 1942.

Lieutenant THOMAS was commissioned Second Lieutenant, USMCR, on April 17, 1942, and at the time of his death was a member of a Marine Aircraft Group serving in the Solomon Islands Area.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement during action against the enemy on August 15 and August 25, 1942. While vigorously attacking a hostile force composed of a light cruiser, four transports and seven destroyers, Second Lieutenant THOMAS, by his expert marksmanship and superb flying skill, scored the second of two hits which sunk this cruiser. He also contributed to the destruction of a large destroyer. On the latter date, after contacting a hostile light cruiser he launched an aggressive attack, scoring several near misses on the enemy. His indomitable fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

**LAUNCHED:** 28 February 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Benjamin E. Thomas, mother, Fruitland, Idaho.

**COMMISSIONED:** 19 June 1944.

**MILES STEAMED:** 90,986.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

- 2nd Fleet from August 1944 to September 1944
- 6th Fleet from September 1944 to October 1944
- 7th Fleet from April 1945 to August 1945
- 3rd Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945
- Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation of the Philippine Islands — Borneo Invasion — Balikpapan Operation

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Discovered enemy aircraft on air strips south of San Jose DeBuenavista, Panay; directed fighter bombers which bombed strip with good results. Bombarded Falisay Point area, Davao Gulf. Bombarded Luayon Point, Davao Gulf. Supported landings at Balut Island, Sarangani Group, and at Balikpapan, Borneo.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

- Lt. Cdr. Leslie E. ROSENBERG, USNR, 19 June 1944 to 1 Aug. 1944.
- Lt. Cdr. Barnard J. DUNN, USNR, 1 Aug. 1944 to 4 Nov. 1945.
- Lt. Cdr. William J. CROUL, USNR, 4 Nov. 1945 to 2 Jan. 1946.
- Lt. (jg) George J. KROUPA, Jr., USNR, 2 Jan. 1946 to 13 April 1946.
- Ensign James A. HAMMES, USNR, 13 April 1946 to 20 May 1946.
- Lt. Cdr. J. G. COLLINGWOOD, USN 20 May 1946 to 15 June 1946.
- Lt. Cdr. C. B. SHAW, USN, 15 June 1946 to 3 Sept. 1946.
- Lt. Elvin J. LOOFBOURROW, USN, 3 Sept. 1946 to 12 Nov. 1946.
- Lt. Virgil M. MEADEN, USN, 12 Nov. 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 28 March 1947



## U.S.S. CHESTER T. O'BRIEN (DE-421)

The U.S.S. Chester T. O'Brien commemorates the Marine Corps career of Platoon Sergeant Chester T. O'Brien, USMC, who was a Marine veteran of many years service, having served on the U.S.S. Connecticut in World War I, and who was lost in action on January 24, 1943 on Guadalcanal Solomon Islands.

Platoon Sergeant Chester O'Brien was cited for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, January 24, 1943, with the following citation:

"When his platoon leader became a casualty, Platoon Sergeant O'Brien immediately assumed command and afforded his men inspiring leadership while tirelessly combating a numerically superior force. With utter disregard for his own safety, he courageously led his men in a determined attack against a strong hostile position in a deep, heavily wooded ravine, and although greatly outnumbered, he succeeded in destroying two machine-gun emplacements. His valiant devotion to duty contributed to decreasing the effectiveness of enemy resistance in this sector and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the above quoted citation, Platoon Sergeant Chester O'Brien was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 29 February 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Jack Edington, Sister, Miami, Florida.

COMMISSIONED: July 3, 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 79,747.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from August 1944 to September 1944

6th Fleet from September 1944 to October 1944

7th Fleet from April 1945 to August 1945

3rd Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945

19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Convoy Escort Atlantic — Occupation of Philippine Islands

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Bombarded Falisay Point in support of landings at Davao, 18 May 1945.  
Supported occupation of Sarangani Group by bombardment of Balut Island, 20 July 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. Richard D. WHITE, USNR, 3 July 1944 to 27 July 1945.

Lt. Cdr. R. S. TACKABERRY, USN, 27 July 1945 to 1 March 1946.

Lt. Richard S. MOORE, USN, 1 March 1946 to 2 July 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Task Unit 76.6, 5 May 1945

Commander Task Unit 78.3, June and July 1945

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 10 February 1947

## U.S.S. DOUGLAS A. MUNRO (DE-422)

The U.S.S. Douglas A. MUNRO commemorates the Coast Guard career of Douglas Albert MUNRO, Signalman First Class, USCG, killed in action on September 27, 1942 at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 8 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Douglas A. Munro, wife.

COMMISSIONED: 11 July 1944

MILES STEAMED: 86,682

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from July 1944 to February 1945.

7th Fleet from February 1945 to January 1946.

Pacific Reserve Fleet from January 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Shore bombardment of Tarakan, Borneo.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Inflicted damage to enemy gun emplacement and headquarters area Tarakan, Borneo.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander Grinnel MORRIS.

Lieutenant Commander E. S. STEVENS.

Lieutenant Commander Earl M. GREER.

Lieutenant Arthur O. LUEKE.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Flagship of Commander Escort Division 77 (later changed to 29)

Captain Harrison G. WHITE, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 February 1947.

## U.S.S. DUFILHO (DE-423)

The U.S.S. DUFILHO commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Marion W. DUFILHO, Naval Aviator, killed in the Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 9 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. M. W. Dufilho, wife.

COMMISSIONED: 21 July 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 85,745

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from July 1944 to February 1945.

7th Fleet from February 1945 to January 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippines — Borneo

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Possible submarine, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander A. H. NEINAU.

Lieutenant O. K. BROOKS.

Lieutenant Commander Percy A. LILLY.

Lieutenant Commander L. G. BENSON.

Lieutenant (junior grade) G. T. PRICE.

Lieutenant Commander D. R. SHAUL.

### DECOMMISSIONED

14 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 30 September 1946.

## U.S.S. HAAS (DE-424)

The U.S.S. HAAS commemorates the Naval career of Machinist John W. HAAS who was killed in action with the famous Torpedo Squadron Eight.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, Texas.

LAUNCHED: 20 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. John W. Haas, widow.

COMMISSIONED: 2 August 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 69,737

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 2 August 1944 to 16 December 1944.

7th Fleet from 16 December 1944 to 31 December 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippines — Lubang

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

3 shore bombardments; 3 Q Boats; 1 Sub; (possible)

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander A. M. WHITE.

Lieutenant Commander J. A. RECTOR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 18 November 1946.

## U.S.S. CORBESIER (DE-438)

The U.S.S. CORBESIER commemorates the Naval career of First Lieutenant Anton Joseph Corbesier, who was a former swordmaster at the United States Naval Academy.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
LAUNCHED: 13 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. G. V. Steward, 128 N. Royal Ave., Front Royal, Va.  
COMMISSIONED: 6 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 108,146

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

### DECOMMISSIONED

1 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 31 July 1946.



## U.S.S. CONKLIN (DE-439)

The U.S.S. CONKLIN commemorates the Marine Corps career of Private George E. CONKLIN, United States Marine Corps; who was killed in action. He gave his life in order that his comrades would live to fight again.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark N. J.  
LAUNCHED: 13 February 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. T. Conklin, mother, 610 Spring St., Howley, Penn.  
COMMISSIONED: 21 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 109,159.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

1st Fleet from August 1944 to September 1944.  
5th Fleet from September 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944.  
9th Fleet from January 1945 to March 1945.  
5th Fleet from March 1945 to October 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from October 1945.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Leyte Landings, 14-15 November 1944.  
Okinawa Gunto Operations, 18 March - 5 June 1945

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Two Japanese submarines destroyed (probable)

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. D. C. BROWN, USNR, 21 April 1944 to 15 Aug. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. E. L. McGIBBON, USNR, 15 Aug. 1944 to 23 Oct. 1945.  
Lt. V. J. PRASISTO, USNR, 23 Oct. 1945 to 1 Dec. 1945.  
Ensign R. G. MILLER, USNR, 1 Dec. 1945 to 17 Jan. 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

17 January 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 2 December 1946.

## U.S.S. McCOY REYNOLDS (DE-440)

The U.S.S. McCoy REYNOLDS commemorates the Marine Corps career of Private McCoy Reynolds, U.S. Marine Corps. He was born in Pippapas, Kentucky on September 23, 1916, and was killed in action at Guadalcanal November 25, 1942. Private Reynolds was awarded the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Silver Star.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
**LAUNCHED:** 20 February 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Gildin Reynolds.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 21 May 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 111,256

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with star for action against enemy Japanese submarine on 25 September 1944.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed Japanese sub, (probable) — 25 September 1944  
Destroyed Japanese sub, (probable) — 19 November 1944

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant W. T. CAVANAUGH, USNR.  
Lieutenant (jg) G. D. GEROW, USNR.  
Lieutenant Commander T. J. CONNE, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 3 July 1946.

## U.S.S. WILLIAM SEIVERLING (DE-441)

The U.S.S. WILLIAM SEIVERLING commemorates the Naval career of Private William Frank SEIVERLING, United States Marine Corps, who was born in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on September 22, 1920 and was killed in action on Guadalcanal on Nov. 2, 1942. Private SEIVERLING enlisted in the Marine Corps at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 2, 1942, and served at Parris Island, South Carolina from February 3, 1942, until he was transferred to New River, North Carolina where he served from March 12, 1942 to May 17, 1942. He served in the field from June 19, 1942, until the time of his death. Private SEIVERLING was awarded the Purple Heart; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, 1942; the Presidential Unit Citation, 1942; and the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat against enemy Japanese forces west of Matonikau River in the Solomon Islands area on November 1, 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.

LAUNCHED: 7 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. W. F. Seiverling, mother, 345 Blanchard Rd., Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

COMMISSIONED: 1 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 113,595.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944

7th Fleet from December 1944 to January 1945

5th Fleet from February 1945 to July 1945

9th Fleet from July 1945 to September 1945

Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf Invasion — January 1945

Iwo Jima Invasion — February and March 1945

Okinawa Invasion — April, May and June 1945

Third Fleet Strikes against the Japanese Homeland of July 1945

Occupation of Japan — August 1945 to November 1945

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed three enemy aircraft while on picket duty off Okinawa from May 20, 1945 to May 28, 1945.

Assisted in sinking three midget submarines while operating in Hunter Killer group with Task Group 75.19 from Aug. 6, 1945 to Aug. 27, 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. Charles F. ADAMS, Jr., USNR, 1 June 1944 to 16 March 1945

Cdr. Francis W. LARSON, USNR, 16 March 1945 to 11 Jan. 1946

Lt. Alfred C. WEBB, Jr., USNR, 11 Jan. 1946 to 11 Feb. 1946.

Lt. Dustin RAWLINSON, USNR, 11 Feb. 1946 to 2 March 1946.

Lt. (jg) John O. ROOPER, USNR, 2 March 1946 to 22 May 1946.

Cdr. William E. BYRNE, USNR, 22 May 1946 to 3 Sept. 1946.

Lt. Chester O. HICKEY, USN, 3 Sept. 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Cdr. Ralph CULLINAN, Jr., USNR, Commander Escort Division Seventy.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 21 March 1947.

## U.S.S. ULVERT M. MOORE (DE-442)

The U.S.S. ULVERT M. MOORE commemorates the Naval career of Ensign ULVERT M. MOORE, USNR, who was born in Williamson, West Virginia, on August 26, 1917, and who died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific area, the presumptive date of his death being June 5, 1943. He was officially reported missing in action as of June 4, 1942, when the plane of which he was pilot was shot down by the enemy in the Battle of Midway.

Ensign MOORE on September 3, 1941, accepted the appointment and executed the oath of office as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve to rank from June 6, 1941 and at the time of his death was a member of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT in the air Battle of Midway.

Ensign MOORE was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, 1939-1941; The Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded Torpedo Squadron EIGHT, of which Ensign MOORE was a member on the occasion for which this squadron was cited; and the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service, beyond the call of duty as pilot of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT in the air Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
LAUNCHED: 7 March 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. L. E. Moore, mother, 440 Union St., Bluefield, W. V.  
COMMISSIONED: July 18, 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 112,690

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944.  
7th Fleet from December 1944 to January 1945.  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to March 1945.  
3rd Fleet from March 1945 to July 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to September 1945.  
3rd Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf Invasion of January 1945. Iwo Jima Invasion of February and March 1945. Okinawa Invasion from April, May and June 1945. 3rd Fleet strikes on the Japanese Homeland, July 1945. Occupation of Japan of August, September, October and November, 1945.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Assisted in destroying one enemy submarine in the waters of Southern Luzon, Philippines in January 1945. Destroyed two enemy aircraft during Lingayen Gulf Invasion in January 1945. Assisted in destroying three midget submarines while operating in Hunter Killer group with Task Group 75.19 from August 6, 1945 to August 27, 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. Franklin D. ROOSEVELT, Jr. from July 18, 1944 to July 5, 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Garret EDDY, USNR, from July 5, 1945 to Dec. 15, 1945.  
Lt. William BELL, USNR, from Dec. 15, 1945 to January 20 or 25, 1946.  
Lt. (jg) John L. BLOCK, USNR, from Jan. 20 or 25, to March.  
Lt. Cdr. E. G. FITZPATRICK, USNR, from Mar. to May 24, 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

May 24, 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 11 February 1947.



## U.S.S. KENDALL C. CAMPBELL (DE-443)

The U.S.S. KENDALL C. CAMPBELL commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Kendall Carl CAMPBELL, USNR, who was born in Garden City, Kansas on 25 July 1917, and who died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific. He was officially reported missing in action, 8 May 1942, when the plane he was flying failed to return from the battle of the Coral Sea.

Ensign CAMPBELL was commissioned on 19 August 1941 and, at the time of his death was a member of Scouting Squadron Five. He was awarded the NAVY CROSS for extraordinary heroism from 4 to 6 May 1942, and for contributing materially to the sinking of eight enemy vessels in Tulagi Harbor and an enemy aircraft carrier in the Coral Sea. He was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second NAVY CROSS for action against the Japanese at Salamaua and Lae on 10 March 1942. His superb airmanship and outstanding courage contributed to the destruction of three enemy warships, including a direct hit on one.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
**LAUNCHED:** 19 March 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Carl B. CAMPBELL, mother.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 31 July 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 145,022

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944.  
7th Fleet from December 1944 to January 1945.  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to March 1945.  
3rd Fleet from March 1945 to July 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to September 1945.  
3rd Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf Invasion of January, 1945.  
Iwo Jima Invasion of February and March 1945.  
Okinawa Invasion of April, May and June 1945.  
3rd Fleet strikes on the Japanese homeland of July 1945.  
Occupation of Japan of August, September, October and November 1945.

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Assisted in destroying three midget submarines while operating in Hunter Killer Group with Task Group 75.19 from August 6, 1945 to to August 27, 1945.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. R. W. JOHNSON, USNR, 31 July 1944 to 21 June 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Henry R. ELMER, USNR, 21 June 1945 to 31 May 1946.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 9 August 1946.



## U.S.S. GOSS (DE-444)

The U.S.S. GOSS commemorates the career of Marine Gunner Angus R. GOSS in the United States Marine Corps, who was born in Tampa, Florida, on January 8, 1910, and was killed in action at Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia Island on July 20, 1943. Marine Gunner GOSS first enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina on September 12, 1930.

He was promoted in the ranks from private to the rank of Marine Gunner which he accepted on February 26, 1943. On April 28, 1942, he was assigned to duty in the field. He was wounded in action on August 10, 1942. Marine Gunner GOSS was awarded the China Service Medal, 1937-1939; American Defense Service Medal, 1939-1941; The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, 1942-1943; Purple Heart and Gold Star, 1942-1943; Presidential Unit Citation, 1942; Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (British), 1942; and the Navy Cross for services at Tulagi in 1942, for extraordinary heroism while serving with a detachment of the First Marine Raider Battalion in combat against enemy Japanese forces in Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 10, 1942.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
**LAUNCHED:** March 19, 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Jamie S. GOSS.  
**COMMISSIONED:** August 26, 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 98,674

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from October 1944 to November 1944.  
1st Fleet from November 1944 to December 1944.  
3rd Fleet from December 1944 to January 1945.  
7th Fleet from January 1945 to February 1945.  
5th Fleet from February 1945 to June 1945.  
3rd Fleet from June 1945 to July 1945.  
9th Fleet from July 1945 to July 1945.  
7th Fleet from August 1945 to September 1945.  
3rd Fleet from September 1945 to November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf — Iwo Jima — Okinawa — Occupation of Japan  
3rd Fleet strikes on Japanese Homeland

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed two enemy aircraft in the Sula Sea. Assisted in sinking three enemy midget submarines.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander Claude S. KIRKPATRICK, USNR.  
Lieutenant Commander William SCHMIDT, USNR.  
Lieutenant Herbert SUMMERS, USNR.  
Lieutenant Robert A. WEBBER Jr., USNR.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Claude S. KIRKPATRICK, USNR, ComCortDiv70

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 13 December 1946.

**U.S.S. ALBERT T. HARRIS (DE-447)**

Lieutenant (jg) Albert T. HARRIS, USNR, was Anti Aircraft Officer on U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO. Killed during second Battle of Savo, Guadalcanal when a Japanese plane crashed into the ship.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.

**LAUNCHED:** 20 July 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Albert T. HARRIS, mother.

**COMMISSIONED:** 29 November 1944.

**MILES STEAMED:** 39,876

**WORLD WAR II**

**FLEETS ATTACHED**

Atlantic Fleet from December 1944 to March 1945.

7th Fleet from March 1945 to January 1946.

**CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Invasion of Mindanao — Shelling of Brunei Bay, Borneo — Assisted in Chinese Liberation Activities.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Commander Sidney KING, USN.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

27 July 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California on 17 January 1947.

**U.S.S. HANNA (DE-449)**

The U.S.S. HANNA commemorates the Naval career of William Thomas HANNA, who fought with Carlson's Raiders on Guadalcanal.

**STATISTICS**

**BUILT BY:** Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.  
**LAUNCHED:** 4 July 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Wm. F. Hanna, 146-66 14th Ave., Whitestone, L.I., N.Y.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 27 January 1945.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 55,006

**WORLD WAR II  
FLEETS ATTACHED**

7th Fleet from January 1945 to December 1945.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lieutenant Commander M. JOHNSTON, Jr., USN.  
Lieutenant (jg) M. HASTING, USNR.

**DECOMMISSIONED**

31 May 1946

**INACTIVATED**

At San Diego, California on 27 January 1947.

## U.S.S. FORMOE (DE-509)

The U.S.S. FORMOE commemorates the Naval career of C. M. Formoe, AMM1, killed at Kaneohe Air Base, Oahu, December 7, 1941.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Port Newark, N. J.

LAUNCHED: April 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. A. H. Balshazy, Greenbelt, Md., Pres. Navy Wives Club.

COMMISSIONED: 5 October 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 63,876

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from October 1944 to February 1945.

7th Fleet from February 1945 to January 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mine disposal operation in Casiguran Sound, Luzon, Philippine.

Shore bombardment of Tarakan, Borneo.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Inflicted damage to enemy gun emplacements and headquarters area.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander J. C. SPENCER, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

27 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 July 1946.

## U.S.S. HOWARD F. CLARK (DE-533)

The U.S.S. HOWARD F. CLARK commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) Howard Franklin CLARK, USN, who was born in Wilmington, Delaware on 15 September 1914 and who died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Asiatic Area (Coral Sea). He was officially reported missing in action 8 May 1942 after the plane of which he was pilot failed to return from an engagement with the enemy in the Coral Sea.

Lieutenant (jg) CLARK was commissioned Ensign 2 June 1938 and was commissioned Lieutenant (jg) 2 September 1941. He was assigned duty with a fighter squadron 1 April 1941. He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal (Fleet Clasp 1939-1941) and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic conduct in aerial combat as a pilot of a fighter squadron. He received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat as a fighter pilot in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of the Coral Sea on 7 May 1942. In this action he gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.  
LAUNCHED: 8 November 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Bess Merrick Clark, widow.  
COMMISSIONED: 25 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 86,221.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 25 May 1944 to 23 August 1944.  
Pacific Fleet from 23 August 1944  
5th Fleet from 18 September 1944 to 22 December 1944.  
7th Fleet from 22 December 1944 to 23 January 1945.  
5th Fleet from 23 January 1945 to 28 May 1945.  
3rd Fleet from 28 May 1945 to 13 July 1945.  
9th Fleet from 13 July 1945 to 15 November 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf 12-27-44 to 1-17-45  
Iwo Jima Invasion 3-4-45 to 3-10-45  
Okinawa Invasion 3-28-45 to 5-5-45  
Third Fleet strike against Honshu 7-3-45 to 7-13-45

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destroyed two enemy planes. Damaged one enemy plane. Sank eight floating mines.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. E. B. HAYDON, USN, 25 May 1944 to 20 October 1944.  
Cdr. O. C. MILLER, USNR, 20 October 1944 to 10 July 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander H. H. LOVE, USNR, ComCortDiv 64, 26 June 1944 to 20 October 1944.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 20 December 1946.



## U.S.S. SILVERSTEIN (DE-534)

The U.S.S. SILVERSTEIN commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Max SILVERSTEIN, USN, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 15 February 1911, and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Asiatic Area (Coral Sea). He was officially reported missing in action 7 May 1942, when the U.S.S. SIMS on which he was serving was lost in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Lieutenant SILVERSTEIN reported aboard the U.S.S. SIMS 6 July 1940 as Engineering and Damage Control Officer. He was awarded the American Defense Medal (Fleet Clasp 1939-1941), Bronze "A" and the Silver Star with the following citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Engineering Officer and Damage Control Officer aboard the U.S.S. SIMS during action against enemy Japanese aerial forces in the Coral Sea on 7 May 1942. Rendered unconscious by concussion from the first bomb to hit the ship Lieutenant SILVERSTEIN coolly resumed his duties upon recovery, directing the securing of boilers, the jettisoning of topside weights to preserve stability and the preparations for repairs to save the vessel from sinking. His relentless determination and inspiring heroism was keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.  
**LAUNCHED:** 8 November 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Ruth Bernice Silverstein, widow.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 14 July 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 75,447

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 14 July to 28 November 1944.  
Pacific Fleet 28 November 1944.  
5th Fleet from 4 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.  
3rd Fleet from 12 January 1945 to 1 February 1945.  
5th Fleet from 1 February 1945 to 2 July 1945.  
9th Fleet from 2 July 1945 to 15 October 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Anti-sub screening duty during capture of Iwo Jima 3-1-45 to 3-20-45.  
Convoy duty during Okinawa Campaign 3-26-45 to 6-20-45.  
Evacuation of Japanese prisoners from Yap, Marianas Islands 10-11-45

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Sank Japanese Fishing Vessel and captured six (6) Japanese prisoners

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. F. A. REECE Jr., USNR, 14 July to 29 Nov. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. F. C. HARTMAN, USNR, 29 Nov. 1944 to 5 Dec. 1945.  
Lt. R. E. PETERS, Jr., USNR, 5 Dec. 1945 to 6 Feb. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) E. V. FARRELL, USN, 6 Feb. 1946 to 31 May 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. J. M. GUNN, USNR, 31 May 1946 to 18 June 1946.  
Lt. (jg) E. V. FARRELL, USN, 18 June 1946 to 9 July 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. R. G. CHARLES, USNR, 9 July 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 28 February 1947

## U.S.S. LEWIS (DE-535)

The U.S.S. LEWIS commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Victor Alan LEWIS, who was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, on 2 August 1919, and died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific. He was officially reported missing in action 4 June 1942, when the plane of which he was pilot was shot down in the Battle of Midway.

Ensign LEWIS was commissioned on 14 October 1941. On 3 February 1942 he reported to Torpedo Squadron Eight for active duty involving flying. He was awarded the American Defense Medal (1939-1941), and the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and meritorious devotion to duty as a pilot of a Navy torpedo plane in action against the enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.

LAUNCHED: 23 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. S. V. LEWIS, mother, 245 Allen St., Randolph, Mass.

COMMISSIONED: 5 September 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 79,074.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 8 November 1944 to 18 November 1944.

Pacific Fleet from 18 November 1944.

5th Fleet from 4 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.

3rd Fleet from 12 January 1945 to 1 February 1945.

5th Fleet from 1 February 1945 to 2 July 1945.

9th Fleet from 2 July 1945 to 15 October 1945.

19th Fleet from October 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Screening Carrier Force in China Sea 1 January 1945 to 28 January 1945.

Anti-Sub Screen duty during the capture of Iwo Jima 1 February 1945 to 10 March 1945.

Anti-sub Screen during Okinawa Campaign 27 March 1945 to 2 July 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. R. H. STEVENS, USNR, 5 Sept. 1944 to 26 Dec. 1944.

Lt. Cdr. F. A. REECE, JR., USNR, 26 Dec. 1944 to 5 Sept. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. G. A. WALLER, USNR, 5 Sept. 1945 to 16 Dec. 1945.

Lt. (jg) J. A. NEWELL, USNR, 16 Dec. 1945 to 22 March 1946.

Lt. Cdr. J. M. GUNN, USNR, 22 March 1946 to 31 May 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 17 September 1946.

## U.S.S. BIVIN (DE-536)

The U.S.S. BIVIN commemorates the Naval career of the late Vernard Eugene BIVIN, Seaman first class, United States Navy, of Breenville, Kentucky.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts.

LAUNCHED: 7 December 1943.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Elles Florence BIVIN, mother, Bowling Green, Ky.

COMMISSIONED: 31 October 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 52,327.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

7th Fleet from January 1945 to December 1945.

Pacific Reserve Fleet from December 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. M. KELLY, USN.

Lt. Cdr. J. A. FRENCH, USNR.

Lt. Cdr. A. B. BRADLY, USNR.

Lt. Cdr. J. F. FLOBERG, USNR.

Lt. (jg) S. H. SAPP, USNR.

Lt. (jg) J. J. RUSSELL, USNR.

Lt. Cdr. R. A. NORELIUS, USNR.

Lt. Cdr. L. B. KINGMAN, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 3 April 1947.

## U.S.S. RILEY (DE-579)

The U.S.S. RILEY commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Paul James RILEY, USN, who was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on April 12, 1913. He died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific Area, the presumptive date of his death being June 5, 1943, when the plane of which he was pilot was shot down in the Battle of Midway.

Lieutenant RILEY was commissioned as Ensign in the Navy on June 3, 1937. On May 22, 1940, he was designated as Naval Aviator (heavier than air). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with the following citation: "For heroic conduct in aerial combat during the operations of United States Forces against the Marshall Islands on February 1, 1942. With utter disregard of his own safety, despite intense and sustained enemy anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant RILEY developed the attack of the section he was leading against an enemy light cruiser in a most efficient and tenacious manner, which resulted in the destruction of that enemy ship." Lieutenant RILEY was also awarded the Navy Cross, with the following citation: "For extraordinary heroism and courageous devotion to duty while piloting an airplane of Torpedo Squadron SIX in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. Participating in a vigorous and intensive assault against the Japanese invasion fleet, Lieutenant RILEY pressed home his attack with relentless determination, in the face of a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire. The unprecedented conditions under which his squadron launched its offensive were so exceptional that it is highly improbable the occasion may ever recur where other pilots of the service will be called upon to demonstrate an equal degree of gallantry and fortitude. His extreme disregard of personal safety contributed materially to the success of our forces and his loyal conduct was in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem-Hingham Ship Yard, Hingham, Massachusetts.

LAUNCHED: 23 December 1943.

SPONSOR: Miss Mildred LaVerne Riley, sister, 2100 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

COMMISSIONED: 13 March 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 97,960.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from March 1944 to June 1944.

6th Fleet from June 1944 to October 1944.

7th Fleet from November 1944 to October 1945.

Pacific Reserve Fleet from November 1945.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

European-African Middle Eastern Area Campaign — Lingayen Gulf Invasion — San Antonio Landing.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. B. L. JOHNSON, 13 March 1945 to 6 April 1945.

Lt. Cdr. R. A. EVANS, 6 April 1945 to 12 Nov. 1945.

Lt. R. S. CHAPIN, 12 Nov. 1945 to 27 May 1946.

Lt. Cdr. J. E. TUTTLE, 27 May 1946 to 15 Jan. 1947.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division SIXTY-SEVEN.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 5 February 1947



## U.S.S. LESLIE L. B. KNOX (DE-580)

The U.S.S. LESLIE L. B. KNOX commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) Leslie Lockhart Bruce Knox, USNR, who was born in Brisbane, Australia, on November 17, 1916, and died as a result of enemy action in the Asiatic Area, the presumptive date of his death being May 8, 1943. He was officially reported missing in action May 7, 1942, when the plane of which he was pilot failed to return following an engagement with the enemy.

Lieutenant (jg) Knox enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve, as Seaman Second Class, at New York City on April 28, 1937. He was designated as Naval Aviator (heavier than air) on May 10, 1940, and on June 12, 1940, he accepted appointment and executed the oath of office as Ensign, to rank from April 15, 1940. Lieutenant (jg) Knox was awarded the American Defense Service Medal (Fleet Clasp); American Area Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal; and the Navy Cross for service as set forth in the following citation: "For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous courage as pilot of an airplane of a Fighting Squadron in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 7, 1942. On that evening, as one of the fighters launched to oppose enemy Japanese aircraft in the vicinity of his ship, Ensign Knox attacked a formation of seven enemy aircraft, shooting down one and assisting in the action which resulted in dispersing the others. In this engagement, he displayed unusual skill and devotion to duty, carrying out his mission with determination and aggressiveness against great enemy odds and with complete disregard for his own personal safety. He failed to return from this action."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Bethlehem-Hingham Ship Yard, Inc., Hingham, Mass.  
**LAUNCHED:** 8 January 1944.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. Louise K. Knox, widow, The Kennedy Werron Apts.,  
3133 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 22 March 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** 96,969.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

10th Fleet from June 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from November 1944 to December 1945.  
19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

European-African-Middle-Eastern Area Campaign — June 1944 to  
November 1944  
Lingayen Gulf Invasion — 13-14 January 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. J. A. MOFFETT, USNR, March 1944 to June 1945.  
Lt. J. H. FLOWERS, Jr., USNR, June 1945 to Feb. 1946.  
Lt. (jg) H. R. TRIBBLE, USN, Feb. 1946 to June 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 June 1946.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 1 October 1946



## U.S.S. McNULTY (DE-581)

The U.S.S. McNULTY commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) John Thomas McNULTY, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1897, and who was killed on August 9, 1942, in enemy action in the Solomon Islands.

Lieutenant McNULTY enlisted in the U.S. Navy on August 14, 1917, and was appointed to commissioned status as Chief Electrician in 1934 to rank from October 1, 1934. Lieutenant McNULTY served on the U.S.S. BUSHNELL from November 3, 1928, to June 27, 1929, after which he was assigned to duty in connection with fitting out the U.S.S. SALT LAKE CITY, being detached from this duty November 19, 1933. He was then ordered to duty at the Office of Naval Inspector of Machinery, Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Kearny, New Jersey until September 1935, when he reported to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation Quincy, Massachusetts, for duty in connection with fitting out the U.S.S. QUINCY. He reported aboard that vessel on June 9, 1936, being detached August 20, 1938. On September 21, 1938, he reported as Assistant Naval Inspector of Machinery, New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey. He was stationed at the office of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, from May 21, 1940 to July 31, 1940. On June 25, 1940, he took passage to Honolulu, Hawaii, being assigned to duty aboard the U.S.S. ASTORIA, to which he reported August 23, 1940.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard, Inc., Hingham, Mass.  
LAUNCHED: 8 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Helen K. McNulty, widow, 1116 South Pexton Street, Philadelphia, Penna.  
COMMISSIONED: 7 April 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 99,033.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

10th Fleet from June 1944 to November 1944.  
7th Fleet from November 1944 to December 1945.  
19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

European-African-Middle-Eastern Area Campaign — June 1944 to November 1944  
Lingayen Gulf Invasion — 13-14 January 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. W. C. JENNINGS, 7 April 1944 to 19 Aug. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. D. A. CRAFTS, USNR, 19 Aug. 1944 to Sept. 1945.  
Lt. E. M. SANDBERG, USN, Sept. 1945 to 25 April 1946.  
Lt. (jg) C. JOHNSON, USNR, 25 April 1946 to 2 July 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 24 December 1946

## U.S.S. METIVIER (DE-582)

The U.S.S. METIVIER commemorates the Naval career of Joseph Ereno Henry Metivier, Coxswain, USN, who was born at Plainfield, Connecticut on February 25, 1920, and was killed in action March 10, 1943.

Joseph E. H. Metivier enlisted in the United States Navy at New Haven, Connecticut, on September 17, 1940, and served continuously until the time of his death. Metivier posthumously was awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL with the following citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a United States warship in action against enemy forces. When a hostile Blockade Runner was intercepted and attacked, METIVIER, as a member of a boarding party attempting to salvage the vessel, displayed exceptional courage in the face of grave danger from threatening flames and the powerful explosions of demolition charges. While preparing to ascend the ladder of the Runner in order to assist in the hazardous salvage operations, METIVIER lost his life as the result of a sudden violent explosion. His exemplary conduct and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life for his country."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem-Hingham Ship Yard, Hingham, Massachusetts.

LAUNCHED: 12 January 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Joseph Metivier, mother, Pecker Road, Plainfield, Connecticut.

COMMISSIONED: 7 April 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 102,396.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

10th Fleet from June 1944 to November 1944.

7th Fleet from November 1944 to December 1945.

19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

European-African-Middle-Eastern Area Campaign — June 1944 to November 1944

Lingayen Gulf Invasion — 13-14 January 1945

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. F. KERNAN, Jr., 7 April 1944 to June 1944.

Cdr. E. H. MAKER, USNR, June 1944 to 1 June 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

1 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 28 February 1947.

## U.S.S. CHARLES J. KIMMEL (DE-584)

The U.S.S. CHARLES J. KIMMEL commemorates the career of Lieutenant Charles J. Kimmel, U.S. Marine Corps who was killed in action in the Solomon Islands on 2 November 1942. He was holder of American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, and Navy Cross.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard, Inc., Hingham, Mass.

LAUNCHED: 15 January 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Charles J. Kimmel, mother.

COMMISSIONED: 20 April 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 89,240.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

4th Fleet from 1 June 1944 to 1 October 1944.

7th Fleet from 1 October 1944 to 18 December 1945

19th Fleet from 18 December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf

### CITATIONS

Letter of commendation from Vice Admiral J. L. Kauffman USN, Commander Philippines Sea Frontier for rescue of twenty-two (22) Army Personnel from downed C-47 on Augi Island, Mindanao enemy held territory.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander Fredrick G. STOREY, USNR.

Lieutenant E. S. MARVICH, USNR.

Lieutenant Commander William J. ROGERS, Jr., USN.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander William C. ROBARD, USN.

Commander Evan W. YANCEY, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 January 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 29 January 1947

## U.S.S. LOUGH (DE-586)

The U.S.S. LOUGH commemorates the Naval career of John Cady LOUGH, holder of the Navy Cross, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal. He was attached to Scouting Squadron Six—U.S.S. ENTERRISE.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard Inc., Hingham, Mass.  
LAUNCHED: 22 January 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Ruth Ann Lough, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: 2 May 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 127,743.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

4th Fleet from August 1944 to September 1944.  
7th Fleet from October 1944 to December 1945.  
19th Fleet from December to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf Invasion — Initial Invasion of Nasugbu — Leyte Landing

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Japanese Fighter Plane — Indefinite Number of Japanese "Q" Boats

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander Blaney C. TURNER, USNR.  
Lieutenant Robert S. STEWART, USNR.  
Lieutenant James L. RICE, Jr., USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

24 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 March 1947

## U.S.S. PEIFFER (DE-588)

The U.S.S. PEIFFER commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Carl David PEIFFER, killed in the Battle of Midway, holder of American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard Inc., Hingham, Mass.

LAUNCHED: 2 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Peiffer, mother.

COMMISSIONED: 15 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 120,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

4th Fleet from August 1944 to October 1944.

7th Fleet from October 1944 to December 1945.

19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander J. W. JONES.

Lieutenant Commander T. N. NESNTYRE.

Lieutenant Commander J. B. MELEES.

Lieutenant (jg) C. F. RICHARDSON.

Lieutenant (jg) D. F. DILLON.

Lieutenant (jg) R. D. OLSON.

Lieutenant Commander V. A. HAMPSHIRE.

### DECOMMISSIONED

1 June 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 19 March 1947



## U.S.S. TINSMAN (DE-589)

The U.S.S. TINSMAN commemorates the Naval career of Carl W. Tinsman S2, holder of the Silver Star Medal.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard Inc., Hingham, Mass.

LAUNCHED: 8 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. F. A. Ford.

COMMISSIONED: 26 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 82,513.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

4th Fleet from June 1944 to October 1944.

3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th Fleets from October 1944 to December 1945

19th Fleet from December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lingayen Gulf

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander William GROTE, USNR.

Lieutenant Commander Arthur BERGSTROM, USNR.

Lieutenant Ralph SESSIONS, USNR.

Lieutenant (jg) Brian J. ARMOUR, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

11 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 7 February 1947

## U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER (DE-642)

The U.S.S. PAUL G. BAKER commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) Paul Gerald BAKER, who was born in Joy, Illinois, on February 20, 1910. He was reported missing in action May 7, 1942 as a result of enemy air action over the Coral Sea.

Paul Baker enlisted in the United States Navy as an Apprentice Seaman on December 12, 1929. He worked his way up to Aviation Chief Radioman while serving on various units of the fleet. He underwent flight training at Pensacola, Florida. On April 20, 1942, he was assigned to Fighter Squadron Two aboard the U.S.S. LEXINGTON for duty involving flying.

Lieutenant (jg) Baker was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously, with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous devotion to duty as pilot of a fighter plane in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 7 and 8, 1942. With utter disregard for his personal safety Lieutenant (jg) Baker attacked and destroyed three enemy Japanese aircraft and damaged one other. His fearless determination and dauntless purpose were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Steel Co., Shipbuilding Div., San Francisco, Cal.  
LAUNCHED: 12 March 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs Katherine Baker, wife, 3346 Vancouver Street, San Diego, California.

COMMISSIONED: 25 May, 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 96,287.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Fleet Operational Training Command from August 1944.

Western Sea Frontier from August 1944.

7th Fleet from August 1944 to April 1945.

5th Fleet from April 1945 to July 1945.

3rd Fleet from July 1945 to November 1945.

Western Sea Frontier from November 1945 to June 1946.

7th Fleet from June 1946 to October 1946.

1st Fleet from October 1946 to January 1947.

San Diego Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet from Jan. 1947 to Inact.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Okinawa Invasion — April 1, 1945 to August 5, 1945.

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Destruction of Two Bombers.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. W. Gordon CORNELL, USNR, 25 May 1944 to 31 Aug. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. E. C. PATTERSON, Jr., USNR, 31 Aug. 1945 to 28 Nov. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. Oliver S. DWIRE, USN, 28 Nov. 1945 to 27 June 1946.

Lt. Cdr. L. S. LOCKETT, USN, 27 June 1946 to 11 Oct. 1946.

Lt. Elton M. SANDBERG, USN, 20 Jan. 1947 to 3 Feb. 1947.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Comdr. Paul L. HAMMOND, USNR, Commander Escort Division 73

Captain Robert H. GROFF, USNR, Commander Escort Division 73

#### DECOMMISSIONED

3 February 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 2 April 1947

## U.S.S. DAMON M. CUMMINGS (DE-643)

The U.S.S. DAMON M. CUMMINGS was named in honor of Lieutenant Commander DAMON M. CUMMINGS, USN, who was killed by enemy action in the Pacific area on 13 November 1942.

Lieutenant Commander CUMMINGS was attached to the staff of Commander South Pacific Force and South Pacific area at the time of his death. For extraordinary heroism on the night of 12-13 November 1942 he was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Steel Co., Shipbuilding Div., San Francisco, Cal.

LAUNCHED: 4 April 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Charlotte E. Cummings, wife, 715 LaCanada Avenue, LaJolla, California.

COMMISSIONED: 29 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 96,374.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from March 1945 to April 1945.

3rd Fleet from April 1945 to August 1945.

1st Fleet from August 1945 to March 1946.

7th Fleet from March 1946 to September 1946.

1st Fleet from September 1946 to January 1947.

19th Fleet from January 1947 to Inactivation.

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Okinawa Invasion 1 Apr. 1945 - 1 May 1945 — 18 May 1945 - 31 May 1945

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One Japanese twin engine plane destroyed.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. C. R. MILLET, USNR, 29 June 1944 to 26 Aug. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. W. C. FRENCH, Jr., USNR, 26 Aug. 1945 to 19 Dec. 1945.

Lt. N. A. SMITH, USN, 19 Dec. 1945 to 23 May 1946.

Lt. Cdr. E. P. BOYNTON, USNR, 23 May 1946 to 4 Oct. 1946.

Lt. V. M. MEADEN, USN, 4 Oct. 1946 to 30 Oct. 1946.

Lt. Cdr. J. A. RINKER, USN, 30 Oct. 1946 to 24 Jan. 1947.

Lt. "C." "T." HUNTER, USN, 24 Jan. 1947 to 3 Feb. 1947.

#### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

COMMANDER TASK GROUP 12.3

COMMANDER TASK GROUP 71.3

COMMANDER ESCORT DIVISION 73

COMMANDER ESCORT DIVISION 3

#### DECOMMISSIONED

3 February 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 20 March 1947.

## U.S.S. VAMMEN (DE-644)

The U.S.S. VAMMEN commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Clarence Earl Vammen Jr., USNR, who was born in Aberdeen, Washington on October 17, 1919, and who was killed in action during the Battle of Midway, on June 7, 1943.

Ensign Vammen was commissioned as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve on October 20, 1941 and at the time of his death was a member of TORPEDO SQUADRON SIX serving in the Midway Island area.

He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal (Fleet Clasp), 1939-1941, and the Distinguished Flying Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary achievement and heroic conduct in aerial flight as a pilot of Scouting Squadron Six in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway, June 4-6, 1942. With marked skill, Ensign Vammen delivered repeated devastating attacks against the enemy Japanese invasion fleet, tenaciously holding to his purpose in face of violent enemy fighter opposition and against tremendous anti-aircraft fire, thereby contributing decisively to the success of our forces in this battle. His courage and unflinching devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Steel Co., San Francisco, California.

LAUNCHED: 21 May 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Clarence E. Vammen, mother, Aberdeen, Washington.

COMMISSIONED: 27 July 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 103,405.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from August 1944 to February 1946.

7th Fleet from February 1946 to July 1946.

5th Fleet from July 1946 to January 1947.

19th Fleet from January 1947 to Inactivation. ,

#### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of the Island of Okinawa.

#### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Supported landing on Okinawa Island.

#### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. L. M. KING, USNR, 27 July 1944 to 27 April 1945.

Lt. Cdr. G. WASHBURN, USNR, 27 April 1945 to 23 Nov. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. M. J. SILVERMAN, USN, 23 Nov. 1945 to 3 Feb. 1947.

#### DECOMMISSIONED

3 February 1947

#### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 2 April 1947.



## U.S.S. WISEMAN (DE-667)

The U.S.S. WISEMAN commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) Osborn WISEMAN, Naval Aviator, killed in the Battle of Midway, 4 June 1942, and who was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Dravo Shipbuilding Corp., Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.  
**LAUNCHED:** 6 November 1943.  
**SPONSOR:** Mrs. June Holton, former wife.  
**COMMISSIONED:** 4 April 1944.  
**MILES STEAMED:** According to the Engineering Officer, the WISEMAN has steamed enough miles to carry her around the world seven times. This is due to the engines turning over continuously for seven months supplying power to the city of Manila and the dredge HARRIS at Guam.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Task Force Sixty-four from 24 May 1944 to December 1944.  
ComDesPac from 3 February 1945 to 12 April 1946.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from April 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The WISEMAN was converted into a ship-to-shore power supply ship in December 1944. The WISEMAN sailed from Charleston on January 11, 1945 for Pearl Harbor arriving there on 3 February 1945. The ship arrived in Manila, P. I., on 23 March 1945 for power duty. It was on 13 April 1945 that the ship commenced furnishing power to Army installations in the city. On that day Naval History was made in that it was the first time power had ever been floated ashore from a Navy ship. After this duty the WISEMAN supplied power for the dredge HARRIS (YM-25) at Guam for two months.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander W. B. McClAREN, Jr., USNR.  
Lieutenant (jg) L. R. BURNS, USN.  
Commander M. KELLY, Jr., USN.  
Lieutenant (jg) P. F. GRUBB, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 3 February 1947.



## U.S.S. GILLETTE (DE-681)

The U.S.S. GILLETTE commemorates the Naval career of Douglas Wiley GILLETTE, United States Naval Reserve, of Boston, Massachusetts, who died in action in the service of his country on the U.S.S. HORNET on 26 October 1942.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Fore River Yard, Quincy, Massachusetts.

**LAUNCHED:** 25 September 1943.

**COMMISSIONED:** 27 October 1943.

**MILES STEAMED:** 133,633.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

ComTraLant from November 1943 to February 1944.

2nd Fleet from February 1944 to March 1944.

ComTraLant from March 1944 to May 1944.

6th Fleet from June 1944 to January 1945.

2nd Fleet from January 1945 to February 1945.

ComTraPac from February 1945 to April 1945.

2nd Fleet from April 1945 to May 1945.

7th Fleet from May 1945 to August 1945.

9th Fleet from August 1945 to September 1945.

3rd Fleet from September 1945 to October 1945.

9th Fleet from October 1945 to November 1945.

1st Fleet from November 1945 to January 1947.

Pacific Reserve Fleet from January 1947.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation of Japan, September 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. F. G. MURREL, USNR, 27 Oct. 1943 to 14 Apr. 1944.

Lt. Cdr. J. W. DAVID, Jr., USNR, 14 Apr. 1944 to 17 Dec. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. K. B. BROWN, USN, 17 Dec. 1945 to 24 Jan. 1947.

Lt. Cdr. B. A. HARVEY, USN, 24 Jan. 1947 to 3 Feb. 1947.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Commander Escort Division 56 — 2 June 1945 to 10 October 1945

Commander Escort Division 5 — 5 January 1946 to 11 January 1947

### DECOMMISSIONED

3 February 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 March 1947.

## U.S.S. HENRY R. KENYON (DE-683)

The U.S.S. HENRY R. KENYON commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Henry R. KENYON, USNR, who died as a result of enemy action while a pilot of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT in the air Battle of Midway.

Ensign KENYON was awarded the NAVY CROSS for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service beyond the call of duty as a pilot of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT in the Air Battle of Midway, against enemy Japanese forces on June 4, 1942. Grimly aware of the hazardous consequences of flying with fighter protection, and with insufficient fuel to return to his carrier, Ensign KENYON delivered an effective torpedo attack against violent assaults of enemy Japanese aircraft and against an almost solid barrage of anti-aircraft fire.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Massachusetts  
LAUNCHED: 30 October 1943.  
COMMISSIONED: 30 November 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 108,619.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

2nd Fleet from December 1943 to May 1945.  
7th Fleet from May 1945 to November 1945.  
1st Fleet from November 1945 to January 1947.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from January 1947 to Inactivation.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. Charles M. LYONS, USN, 30 Nov. 1943 to June 1944.  
Cdr. A. D. BERLISS, USNR, June 1944 to Jan. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. George F. STRARNS, USNR, Jan. 1945 to Oct. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Allan RAY, USN, Oct. 1945 to June 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Harry E. DAVEY, Jr., USN, June 1946 to Dec. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. James J. McMULLAN, USN, Dec. 1946 to Jan. 1947.  
Lt. Leo G. D. WIEMER, Jr., USN, Jan. 1947 to Feb. 1947.

### DECOMMISSIONED

3 February 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 31 March 1947.

## U.S.S. EUGENE E. ELMORE (DE-686)

The U.S.S. EUGENE E. ELMORE commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Commander Eugene E. ELMORE, who was born in Americus, Georgia on 30 June 1900.

Lieutenant Commander ELMORE was commissioned Ensign in the Navy upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy with the class of 1922. At the time of his death, he was serving on board the U.S.S. QUINCY which was sunk during a surface engagement with Japanese naval forces in the Battle of Savo Island in the Solomon Islands on 9 August 1942. It was during this action that Lieutenant Commander ELMORE lost his life. He was awarded the Purple Heart for merit and for wounds suffered in enemy action resulting in his death.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem Steel Co., Fore River Yard, Quincy, Mass.  
LAUNCHED: 23 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Eugene E. Elmore, wife.  
COMMISSIONED: 4 February 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 127,714.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 21 April 1944 to 3 November 1944.  
7th Fleet from November 1944 to October 1945.  
19th Fleet from November 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

European-African Middle Eastern Area Campaign  
Lingayen Gulf Invasion — San Antonio Landing

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

1 enemy submarine sunk on 29 May 1944; In group of ships that shot down 11 Japanese planes, 12 January 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. George L. CONKLON, USN, from 4 Feb. 1944 to 2 Nov. 1944.  
Lt. Cdr. Richard F. CREATH, USNR, from 2 Nov. 1944 to 29 Nov. 1944.  
Lt. John E. WARNER, USNR, from 29 Nov. 1945 to 22 April 1946.  
Lt. (jg) Herbert S. SPENCER, USNR from 22 April 1946 to 31 May 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 12 November 1946.

## U.S.S. OSMUS (DE-701)

The U.S.S. OSMUS commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Wesley Frank OSMUS, USNR, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 2 September 1918. He was commissioned Ensign April 3, 1941. His flight training was completed in August 1941, and he was assigned to duty in Torpedo Squadron Three. He died as a result of enemy action when the plane which he was pilot was shot down at the Battle of Midway, June 4, 1942.

Ensign OSMUS was awarded the American Defense Medal (Fleet Clasp) and the Navy Cross, with the following citation: "For extraordinary heroism as pilot of an airplane of Torpedo Squadron Three in action against the enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. Participation in a torpedo plane aircraft assault against Japanese Units, Ensign OSMUS, in the face of tremendous anti-aircraft fire and overwhelming fighter opposition, pressed home his attack to a point where it became relatively certain that, in order to accomplish his mission, he would probably sacrifice his life. Undeterred by the grave possibilities of such a hazardous offensive, he carried on, with extreme disregard for his own personal safety, until his squadron scored direct hits on two enemy aircraft carriers, his self sacrificing gallantry and fortitude were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The United States Ship OSMUS proudly carried his name and gallant spirit back to the enemy.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Corp., Bay City, Michigan.

LAUNCHED: 4 November 1943.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Louisa Osmus, mother.

COMMISSIONED: 23 February 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 125,131.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from May 1944 to November 1944.

7th Fleet from November 1944 to January 1945.

9th Fleet from January 1945 to September 1945.

7th Fleet from July 1946 to January 1947.

NavForWesPac, from January 1947 to March 1947.

Pacific Reserve Fleet, from March 1947 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Iwo Jima Invasion — Okinawa Invasion — Escort Operations, 22 May to 15 June 1944, — Korean Patrol, October 1946 to January 1947.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Cdr. R. JACKSON, USNR, 23 Feb. 1943 to 9 Sept. 1944.

Lt. Cdr. B. W. PATTISMALL, USNR, 9 Sept. 1944 to 28 Nov. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. Alvin P. CLUSTER, USN, 28 Nov. 1945 to 23 May 1946.

Lt. Cdr. Donald R. SHALL, USNR, 23 May 1946 to 17 Aug. 1946.

Lt. Cdr. E. A. M. GENDREAU, USN, 17 Aug. 1946 to 28 Feb. 1947.

Lt. Wilbur G. SHERWOOD, USN, 28 Feb. 1947 to 15 Mar. 1947.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 March 1947

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 9 May 1947.



## U.S.S. HOLT (DE-706)

The U.S.S. HOLT commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant (jg) William Mack HOLT. Lieutenant (jg) W. M. HOLT, a naval aviator, was born in Great Falls, Montana, on 9 September 1917. He was killed in action on 7 August 1942, while his plane and another were engaging 27 Japanese planes in the Solomon Islands.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.

LAUNCHED: 15 February 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. R. E. HOLT.

COMMISSIONED: 9 June 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 86,337.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 9 June 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Pacific Fleet from 25 October 1944 to 21 November 1944.

7th Fleet from 25 October 1944 to 21 November 1944.

19th Fleet from 9 January 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mindoro — Lingayen — Legaspi — Tarakan

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Two twin engine bombers (assists). One fighter (assist).

One suicide plane (assist).

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander Victor BLUE, USNR.

Lieutenant Commander B. B. ANDERSON, USNR.

Lieutenant (jg) S. M. BADGETT, USN.

Lieutenant Commander R. G. CHARLES, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 27 February 1947.



## U.S.S. JOBB (DE-707)

The U.S.S. JOBB commemorates the Naval career of Richard Patrick JOBB, Pharmacist's Mate Third Class, USNR. He was born in McCormick, Washington, on 17 March 1920, and was killed in action at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on January 26, 1943.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.

LAUNCHED: 4 March 1944.

COMMISSIONED: 4 July 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 89,796.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 4 July 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Pacific Fleet from 25 October 1944 to 21 November 1944.

7th Fleet from 21 November 1944 to 18 December 1945.

19th Fleet from 18 December 1945 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Philippine Liberation

Mindoro Island, Philippine Occupation

Brunei Bay, Borneo, B.E.I., Occupation

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Two Japanese aircraft downed 13-15 December 1945, in Mindoro Sea, P.I.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. H. M. JONES, USNR, 4 July 1944 to 20 Mar. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. N. L. FIELD, USNR, 20 Mar. 1945 to 12 Jan. 1946.

Cdr. H. M. EDWARDS, USNR, 12 Jan. 1946 to 28 Mar. 1946.

Lt. (jg) R. F. JOHNSON, USNR, 28 Mar. 1946 to 13 May 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

13 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 30 January 1947.

## U.S.S. GEORGE W. INGRAM (APD-43)

The U.S.S. GEORGE W. INGRAM commemorates the Naval career of George Washington INGRAM, seaman second class, U.S. Navy.

Seaman INGRAM was born in Rockhart, Georgia, on February 22, 1918. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Birmingham, Alabama, on March 18, 1941. He was assigned to duty with Commander Patrol Wing Two and was killed in action on December 7, 1941 while in the line of duty defending Pearl Harbor.

**CITATION:** "For prompt and efficient action and utter disregard of personal danger in the effort to repel the attack on the Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941, which was made in conjunction with the attack on the fleet in Pearl Harbor on that date."

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard, Hingham, Massachusetts.

**CONVERTED:** From the U.S.S. DE-62 to the U.S.S. APD-43 at Staten Island, New York.

**LAUNCHED:** 8 June 1943.

**SPONSOR:** Mrs. J. L. INGRAM, mother.

**COMMISSIONED:** August 11, 1943.

**MILES STEAMED:** 135,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

10th Fleet from 11 August 1943 to 1 May 1945.

Pacific Amphibious Forces from 1 May 1945 to 5 Jan. 1946.

Pacific Reserve Fleet from 5 January 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Eighteen convoy escort crossings in the Atlantic  
Occupation of China

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander Andrew S. BOYCE, USNR.

Lieutenant Commander Everett S. HOPKINS, USN.

Lieutenant Norman A. SMITH, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

9 December 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 15 January 1947

## U.S.S. BLESSMAN (APD-18)

The U.S.S. BLESSMAN commemorates the Naval career of Lieutenant Edward Martin BLESSMAN, USN, a graduate of Annapolis, Class of 1931, who died as a result of enemy action in the Pacific when he engaged with Japanese forces in the Battle of the Java Sea.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem-Hingham Shipbuilding Yards, Hingham, Mass.  
LAUNCHED: 19 June 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Helen Mallory Blessman, wife.  
COMMISSIONED: 19 September 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 89,740.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 19 September to 26 October 1944.  
Pacific Fleet from 26 October 1944 to 18 January 1946.  
19th Fleet from 18 January 1946 to 28 August 1946.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Western Europe.  
Invasion of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon.  
Invasion of Iwo Jima.

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

Two (2) Planes

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. Joseph A. GILLIS, USNR, 19 Sept. 1943 to 6 Aug. 1944.  
Lt. Phillip LeBOUTILLIER, Jr., USNR, 7 Aug. 1944 to 21 July 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. Clement O. DAVIDSON, USNR, 22 July 1945 to 31 Oct. 1945.  
Lt. Carlton S. LIVINGSTON, USN, 31 Oct. 1945 to 4 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Doyle E. WHITE, USNR, 8 Jan. 1946 to 31 May 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Gerald F. CASE, USN, 1 June 1946 to 10 July 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. Stephen C. HALE, Jr., USN, 10 July 1946 to 28 Aug. 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

Underwater Demolition Squadron One  
Pacific Fleet Transport Division 113

### DECOMMISSIONED

28 August 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 15 January 1947

## U.S.S. YOKES (APD-69)

The U.S.S. YOKES commemorates the Naval career of William John Yokes, Seaman second class, USNR, who, as a member of the Armed Guard aboard a merchant vessel, was killed when the vessel was torpedoed by a German U-Boat on October 19, 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Dravo Shipbuilding Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

LAUNCHED: November 27, 1943

SPONSOR: Mrs. Charlotte Yokes, wife, 35 N. Whitney Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

COMMISSIONED: December 18, 1944

MILES STEAMED: 70,732.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 18 December 1944 to 4 March 1945.

Pacific Fleet from 5 March 1945 to 15 February 1946.

19th Fleet from 15 February 1946 to Inactivation.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. P. E. WARFIELD, USNR, 18 Dec. 1944 to 22 Aug. 1945.

Lt. Cdr. G. H. WEED, USNR, 22 Aug. 1945 to 30 March 1946.

Lt. E. A. KORPADY, USNR, 30 March 1946 to 31 May 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 19 August 1946.

## U.S.S. BUNCH (APD-79)

The U.S.S. BUNCH commemorates the Naval career of Kenneth Cecil BUNCH, Aviation radioman first class, USN, who was born in Norman County, Minnesota on January 31, 1919 and who died of a result of enemy action in the Pacific. He was officially reported killed in action June 6, 1942, when the plane in which he was flying, was hit by a fierce barrage of enemy anti aircraft fire.

BUNCH ARM 1 entered the Navy March 9, 1937 and at the time of his death was a member of Scouting Squadron Eight. He was awarded the Air Medal Posthumously by the President of the United States, for meritorious achievement in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 6, 1942. By his fearless loyalty and uncompromising devotion to duty on this occasion he contributed materially to the victory achieved by our forces.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.  
LAUNCHED: 29 May 1943.  
SPONSOR: Leila Mae Bunch, (wife) Pershing, Iowa.  
COMMISSIONED: 21 August 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 108,684.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 21 August 1943 to 10 December 1944.  
Pacific Fleet from 10 December 1944 to 18 March 1946.  
19th Fleet from 18 March 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS Invasion of Okinawa

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY Two Planes

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. A. A. CAMPBELL, USNR, 21 Aug. 1943 to 27 June 1944.  
Lt. B. D. HYDE, USNR, 28 June 1944 to 14 Aug. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. J. R. DeSIRCUR, USNR, 15 Aug 1945 to 21 Aug. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. E. W. DONNALLY, USNR, 21 Aug. 1945 to 31 March 1946.  
Lt. R. F. ERICKSON, USNR, 31 March 1946 to 31 May 1946.

### FLAG, UNIT, AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED Transport Division 104

### DECOMMISSIONED 31 May 1946

INACTIVATED  
At San Diego, California on January 27, 1947.



## U.S.S. KINZER (APD-91)

The U.S.S. KINZER commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Edward Blaine KINZER, U.S. Naval Reserve, who was born on August 22, 1917 and died as a result of enemy action in the Coral Sea engagement when his plane failed to return. He is officially credited with aiding materially to the sinking or damaging of eight enemy vessels in Tulagi Harbor, May 4, 1942, and to the sinking of one enemy aircraft carrier in the Coral Sea on May 7, 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina.  
LAUNCHED: 9 December 1943.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Charles E. Kinzer, mother.  
COMMISSIONED: November 1, 1944.  
MILES STEAMED: 67,989.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Pacific Fleet from January 7, 1945 to May 17, 1946.  
19th Fleet from May 17, 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Okinawa

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One Plane

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. R. C. YOUNG, USNR, November 1, 1944 to September 25, 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. A. S. BELL, USNR, September 25, 1945 to January 1946.  
Lt. Cdr. R. W. FRIEDEN, USN, 1 January 1946 to 18 December 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

December 18, 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on December 26, 1946

## U.S.S. KNUDSON (APD-101)

The U.S.S. KNUDSON commemorates the Naval career of Milton Lox KNUDSON, Seaman First Class, U.S. Navy, who was born at Geneva, Illinois, on October 20, 1923. He was killed in action on November 13, 1942.

Knudson enlisted in the United States Navy at Chicago, Illinois on July 1, 1941 and served continuously until the time of his death. As a member of the crew of the U.S.S. LAFFEY, he was entitled to receive the Presidential Unit Citation and he was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroic action in the rescue of survivors of the U.S.S. WASP.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: Bethlehem-Hingham Shipyard, Inc., Hingham, Mass.

LAUNCHED: 2 February 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. E. H. Knudson, mother, 407 N. Franklin St., Polo, Ill.

COMMISSIONED: 25 November 1944.

MILES STEAMED: 86,089.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 25 November 1944 to 15 January 1945.

Pacific Fleet from 15 January 1945 to 17 March 1946.

19th Fleet from 17 March 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Invasion of Okinawa

### DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY

One Plane

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. D. C. SHARP, USNR, 25 November 1944 to 28 February 1945.

Cdr. T. K. DUNSTAN, USNR, 28 February 1945 to 29 October 1945

Lt. Cdr. J. V. CARLIN, USNR, 29 October 1945 to 1 March 1946.

Lt. R. B. ANDERSON, USNR, 1 March 1946 to 1 June 1946.

Lt. J. A. WHITE, USN, 1 June 1946 to 4 November 1946.

### DECOMMISSIONED

4 November 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 15 November 1946.

## U.S.S. CAVALLARO (APD-128)

The U.S.S. CAVALLARO commemorates the Naval career of Ensign Salvatore John CAVALLARO, USNR, who was killed in the Normandie Invasion.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.  
LAUNCHED: 15 June 1944.  
SPONSOR: Mrs. Angelina Cavallaro, 504 West 171st Street,  
New York, New York.  
COMMISSIONED: 13 March 1945.  
MILES STEAMED: 32,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

9th Fleet from June 1945 to September 1945  
Escort for 5th Phibs., Fleet from September 1945 to October 1945

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander E. P. ADAMS.  
Lieutenant Commander J. D. KAUE, Jr.  
Lieutenant (jg) H. K. PARKER.  
Lieutenant (jg) C. T. FINNEY.

### DECOMMISSIONED

17 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California 14 October 1946

## U.S.S. DONALD W. WOLF (APD-129)

The U.S.S. Donald W. WOLF commemorates the Marine career of Sergeant William WOLF, USMC who was killed in action at Guadalcanal during the invasion there.

### STATISTICS

**BUILT BY:** DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.

**LAUNCHED:** July 22, 1944.

**SPONSOR:** Corporal Barbara S. Wolf, M.C.W.R., Station Headquarters Squadron, Sergeant Major's Office, M.C.A.S., Santa Barbara (Goleta) California.

**COMMISSIONED:** 14 April 1945.

**MILES STEAMED:** 35,268.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 14 April 1945 to 7 June 1945

Pacific Fleet from 7 June 1945 to 11 January 1946

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. S. C. O'ROURKE, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

15 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 18 June 1946

## U.S.S. COOK (APD-130)

The U.S.S. COOK commemorates the Marine career of two brothers, Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. COOK, Red Jacket, West Virginia, who were killed in the line of duty.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Co., Bay City, Michigan.

LAUNCHED: 26 August 1944.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Andrew F. COOK, Red Jacket, West Virginia.

COMMISSIONED: 25 April 1945.

MILES STEAMED: 35,000.

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from April 1945 to June 1945.

Pacific Fleet from June 1945 to 1 January 1946.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr. D. N. HAMILTON. USNR.

Lt. Cdr. L. R. HARDY, USNR.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 6 July 1946



## U.S.S. WALTER X. YOUNG (APD-131)

The U.S.S. Walter X. YOUNG commemorates the Marine career of 1st Lieutenant Walter X. Young, USMCR, recipient of the Navy Cross for heroism in action against an enemy Japanese force on Gavutu, Solomon Islands, 7 August 1942.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Company, Bay City, Michigan.  
LAUNCHED: 30 September 1944  
SPONSOR: Mrs. John Joseph McGENNEY.  
COMMISSIONED: 1 May 1945  
MILES STEAMED: 28,347

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

3rd Fleet from August 15, 1945 to November 21, 1945  
6th Fleet from November 21, 1945 to February 7, 1946  
19th Fleet from February 7, 1946 to Inactivation.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander Stephen C. HALE, USN  
Lieutenant Commander Nicholas BIDDLE, USNR

### DECOMMISSIONED

2 July 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on November 6, 1946.

## U.S.S. BALDUCK (APD-132)

The U.S.S. BALDUCK commemorates the Marine Corps career of Corporal Remi August Balduck, Marine Hero killed on Iwo Jima.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Company, Bay City, Michigan.

LAUNCHED: 27 October 1944

SPONSOR: Mrs. Mary Verhougstraete, 5520 Phillip Avenue Detroit, Michigan.

COMMISSIONED: 7 May 1945

MILES STEAMED: 39,479

### WORLD WAR II FLEETS ATTACHED

5th Fleet from 7 August 1945 to 7 November 1945

19th Fleet from 7 November to Inactivation

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Occupation Forces Korea & North China

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Cdr R. T. NEWELL USNR.

Lt. Cdr. George F. CASE, USN.

### DECOMMISSIONED

31 May 1946

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 16 August 1946.

## U.S.S. BULL (APD-78)

The U.S.S. BULL started her career in World War II as the DE-693. She had the honor of being the first ship of her type to be built by the DeFoe Shipbuilding Company of Bay City, Michigan, and also being the first ship of her type to be floated down the Mississippi River.

After being fitted out at the Naval Base, Algiers, Louisiana, she started her job of escorting convoys across the Atlantic. She made twelve successful crossings of the Atlantic as a convoy escort without the loss of a single ship in any of her convoys.

On 28 July 1944, the U.S.S. BULL went to Todd Shipyard Erie Basin, Brooklyn, New York for conversion to the APD-78, thus ending her career as a Destroyer Escort. On 26 October 1944, she set sail from Brooklyn, this time headed for the Pacific where she aided in the landings on Japanese held islands in the latter phases of the war. She also worked in close co-operation with underwater demolition units which aided in the clearing of mine laden harbors.

### STATISTICS

BUILT BY: DeFoe Shipbuilding Company, Bay City, Michigan.  
LAUNCHED: 25 March 1943.  
COMMISSIONED: 12 August 1943.  
MILES STEAMED: 145,698.

### WORLD WAR II

#### FLEETS ATTACHED

Atlantic Fleet from 12 August 1943 to 13 November 1944.  
Pacific Fleet from 13 November 1944 to 10 May 1946.  
Pacific Reserve Fleet from 10 May 1946 to Inactivation.

### CAMPAIGNS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Twelve Convoy Crossings of North Atlantic.  
Provided fire support at San Fabian Sector of Lingayen Gulf.  
Iwo Jima Invasion, February through March 1945.  
Okinawa Invasion, March through June 1945.

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. D. W. FARNHAM, USNR, 12 Aug. 1943 to 12 Dec. 1943.  
Lt. Cdr. J. B. McLAUGHLIN, USNR, 12 Dec. 1943 to 9 Feb. 1945.  
Lt. E. R. FERGUSON, USNR, 9 Feb. 1945 to 21 Mar. 1945.  
Lt. Cdr. M. BERNER, USNR, 21 Mar. 1945 to 15 Aug. 1945.  
Lt. F. B. RAUCH, USNR, 15 Aug. 1945 to 29 Jan. 1946.  
Lt. E. J. ZAJAC, USN, 5 Aug. 1946 to 5 June 1947.

### FLAG, UNIT AND FORCE COMMANDERS CARRIED

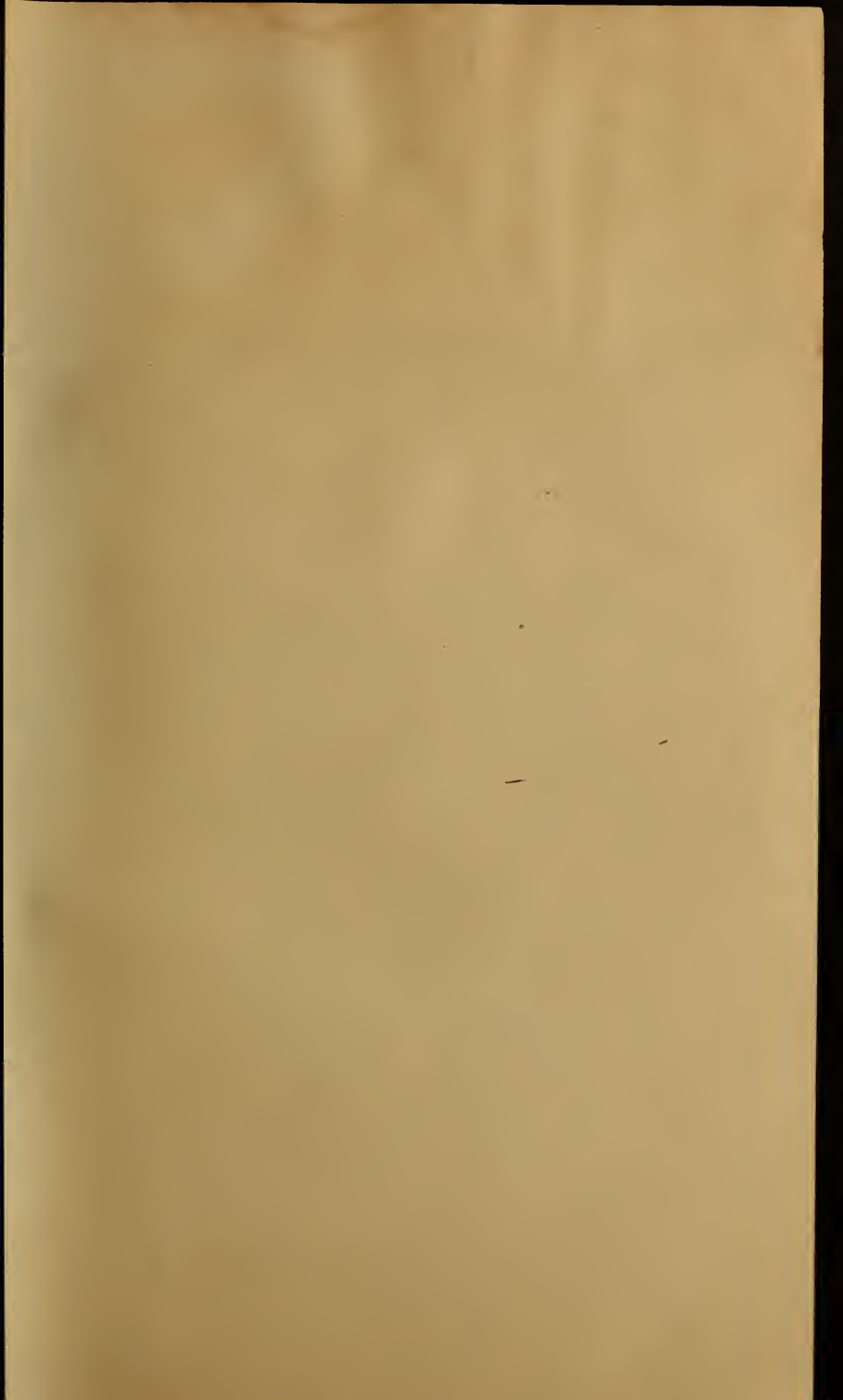
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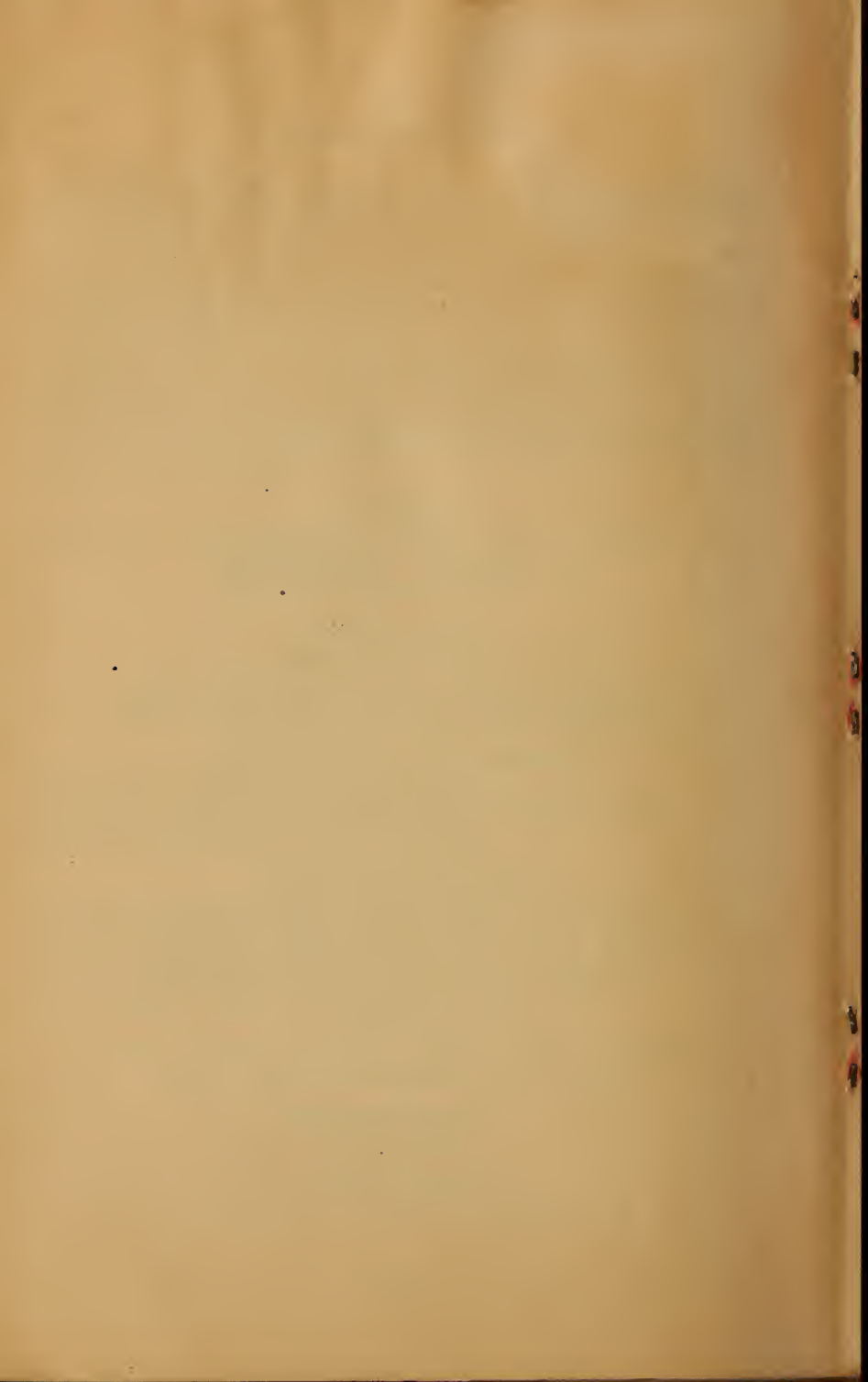
### DECOMMISSIONED

5 June 1947.

### INACTIVATED

At San Diego, California on 16 June 1947







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